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Ties of love bind Japan to McComb

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Japanese characters decorate a sign in the yard at 1413 Wren Street, McComb. In English, they say, "I love you." Yasuhiro Miyauchi, who is called Ya-chan, painted the sign. He and his fiancée, Fumiyo Mukai (or Fu-chan for short), are guests in the house. They call the owners, Gay and Joe Ray, "Mom" and "Pop."

Ya-chan and Fu-chan are engaged to be married next November in Kobe, Japan. She is to be graduated from Kitakyushu University in May, 1986. Ya-chan was graduated from university a short time ago, and will soon begin work in Tokyo. They are visiting the Rays during Fu-chan's spring break, and expect to return to Japan around March 19.

Saturday night, Feb. 23, Fu-chan Mukai arrived in McComb, having traveled halfway around the world. Nevertheless, she was determined to go to North McComb Baptist Church the next morning to hear her fiancée, Ya-chan Miyauchi, give his Christian testimony. That night, to the delight of the congregation, she wore her Japanese kimono to church.

How did all this international togetherness come about? It began at Blue Mountain College, some years ago, when Gay (the former Linda Gay Lewis of Gloster) roomed with Rose Fujimoto, Hawaiian of Japanese ancestry. Later Rose met David Rikimaru of Japan at Golden Gate Seminary in California, and married him. David, who was for a time pastor

of a mission church in Japan, is now director of a kindergarten in Kitakyushu. Rose and David also teach English conversation in Kitakyushu University.

In September, 1982, two of Rose's English students at the university, Ya-chan Miyauchi, and his friend, Hidenori Hirai, decided to visit the United States, to practice their English and to study the American Indian. Immediately Rose remembered Gay, her friend from Blue Mountain days. Since she wanted the boys to visit Christian families in the States, she wrote to the Rays.

Gay and Joe Ray are members of North McComb Baptist Church. He works with the railroad. She teaches English at the Northpark Middle School. "We were happy to invite the boys to our home," they recall. "We felt it would be an opportunity to learn something of the Japanese culture."

Ya-Chan and Hidenori first stopped over in Texas for three days. A Christian family there learned they were Buddhists and gave them tracts. Ya-chan faced with a long bus ride with no books, resorted to reading the tracts. Through them, the Holy Spirit touched his heart, and his interest in Christianity was awakened. He had read some in the Bible before then, but had looked on it, he says, more as "a novel" than as a "holy Book."

After three weeks with the Rays, the boys returned to Phoenix, Ariz. During the fall they studied the Indians in Arizona and New Mexico, but they extended their visas through December, to stay for Christmas — and learn more about Christianity. The Rays

paid their plane fare back to Mississippi.

Joe Ray recalls, "I had often prayed that the Lord would use me as a witness, but I was just sitting back, and the Lord sent someone to me." He and Gay, Ronnie and Pigeon Wilkin-son, and the North McComb pastor, Robert Fullerton, and his wife, Ann, explained to the two Japanese boys the way to become a Christian. Fullerton remembers, "It was the first time I ever witnessed to anyone who had not known there is a hell."

Ya-chan and Hi-de (pronounced He-day) they had become, to friends. Their English was still extremely poor, and all of them had a hard time understanding each other.

"When we were talking, I didn't know what the preacher was saying," Ya-chan recalls, "but in the church, as he was preaching, I knew all he said. The Holy Spirit helped me to understand the language. I felt the love of God, and the love of the people for each other."

Privately he prayed and asked Jesus to become his Savior, and "I felt a new peace." But he thought, to become a Christian, he needed some kind of certification. He asked Joe, "What do I have to do?"

When Joe found out that he had already prayed for forgiveness of sin and committed his life to Christ, he said, "You already are a Christian."

He made public his profession of faith at North McComb Baptist Church that Christmas of 1982, and Robert Fullerton baptized him. Hi-de also made a profession of faith, but has not yet been baptized. When Ya-



Ya-chan and Fu-chan are both musicians, and often sing together.

chan sang "Silent Night" in Japanese for the congregation, he knew the true meaning of the words, a meaning that is the same in all languages.

Ya-chan was recently graduated from the Kitakyushu University in Japan and has accepted a job with Computer Devices in Tokyo. Another job he applied for was refused him because, as a Christian, he told the company he was unwilling to drink socially.

When he returned to the university in January of 1983, he carried a supply of Bibles to scatter all about his lodging place, so that other students would ask why he had them and he could explain their meaning.

His parents and one brother, who are Buddhists, live in Himeji. At first, they opposed his new religion. But now, he says, "they give up!" When at first he would ask the blessing for meals at home, they would say, "Stop," or "Hurry." Now they "quietly wait" until he has finished.

At the University he met and fell in love with Fu-chan.

He was anxious that Fu-chan also know the peace and joy that come with being a Christian. In early 1984 she came with him to visit the Rays. Ruth Morgan, journeyman in Japan from Memphis, had also arranged for her to visit in a home in Memphis. Fu-chan, like the young men had been, was told over and over by the Rays, the Wilkinsons, the Fullertons, and others "how to become a Christian" and "why it is important to become a Christian." Her father had died a short time before, so this was a hard

time for her emotionally.

In January, 1985, Fu-chan made a public profession of faith and was baptized at the Baptist church in Kitakyushu, where Rose Rikimaru is a member, and also Ya-chan. (The pastor of that church, Koicha Kimira, has volunteered to go as a missionary to Indonesia.)

Not long ago, Ya-chan asked Fu-chan, "Who is first in your life?"

"Jesus," she answered.

"And who is second?"

"You."

Later Ya-chan told Joe Ray, "I knew then she was the right girl for me!"

Both of them sing, and play several instruments. He has a black belt in judo. In fact, he and Hi-de have given judo demonstrations in some of the schools in McComb, and gave lessons in the Japanese alphabet.

This is Ya-chan's fourth visit to the U.S. since the fall of 1982. His McComb friends have taught him how to water ski, and how to drive.

Gay laughs now, but it wasn't so funny when it happened. During Ya-chan's first visit, when he and Hi-de could not speak English well, and were tired and hungry, they ate some of the glazed decorative bread in the basket on the Rays' table!

When Gay found some of the shellac-covered bread missing, she rushed to ask Joe, "Reckon it will kill them?"

Certainly Fu-chan and Ya-chan feel at home among the families of the North McComb congregation. No longer is he amazed to hear himself called "brother."

23 Scripture languages added to list

NEW YORK, N. Y. (ABS) — With the language tally rising to 1,808 by the end of 1984, almost 98 percent of the world's population now has at least one book of the Bible in printed form.

There were 23 new "Scripture languages" added last year to the register kept by the global partnership known as the United Bible Societies.

Three languages recorded their first complete Bible, each one bringing to fruition years of labor on the part of translators working under the direct supervision of the United Bible Societies, which the American Bible Society helped found.

Languages in which there are complete Bibles now number 286.



Robert Fullerton, pastor of North McComb Church, talks with Ya-chan and Fu-chan. He baptized Ya-chan at the North McComb Church in December, 1982. Fu-chan was baptized in January, 1985, at a Baptist church in Kitakyushu, Japan.

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FAMILY PORTRAIT: Gay Ray of McComb holds the family poodle, JoJo. Beside her, on the back row, are Yasuhiro Miyauchi (Ya-chan) and Joe Ray. On the front row are Fumiyo Mukai (Fu-chan) and the Rays' daughters, Teresa and Tina.

Editorials..... by don mcgregor

Prayer and understanding

The February session of the Executive Committee was a positive one in many respects. First, the meeting was held in the new Baptist Building, which is attractive and functional. Through September, Executive Committee meetings were crowded and uncomfortable. This past meeting was very pleasant as far as space was concerned. Sound qualities are not as good as in the old committee meeting room, but perhaps those aspects can be improved upon.

I continue to be amazed, however, over how it is that in this era of top-flight technology it is impossible to build a meeting room in which motion picture and slide presentations cannot be made without moving the pulpit. The most awkward interlude in any religious service is during the time when the singer is waiting for the tape to begin playing. The second most awkward interlude is while the presiding officer and others move the pulpit out of the way so visual presentations can be made. At the conclusion the pulpit has to be moved back.

Nevertheless, there were positive notes coming from the meeting. In the first place, SBC President Charles Stanley presented a positive and

powerful message. It was a sermon rather than a lecture to the Executive Committee, but preaching is what Stanley does best. Stanley dwelled on the simultaneous revival campaign scheduled for 1986. He said no one has ever had the opportunity that we have for evangelism if we follow God. The key is the local pastor, he said. "It doesn't make any difference what happens in Nashville," he said. "When the local pastor gets on fire, it happens." But it won't happen until there is repentance among us, he added.

"If we don't do it, who's going to do it?" he asked. "If we don't do it, what are we going to tell God?"

He listed as obstacles doubt, distrust of leadership, and division. "We are going to have to face God with our attitudes," he declared. Then he said we have two choices: we can sidestep our responsibility, or we can strike while the iron is hot—and the iron is hot.

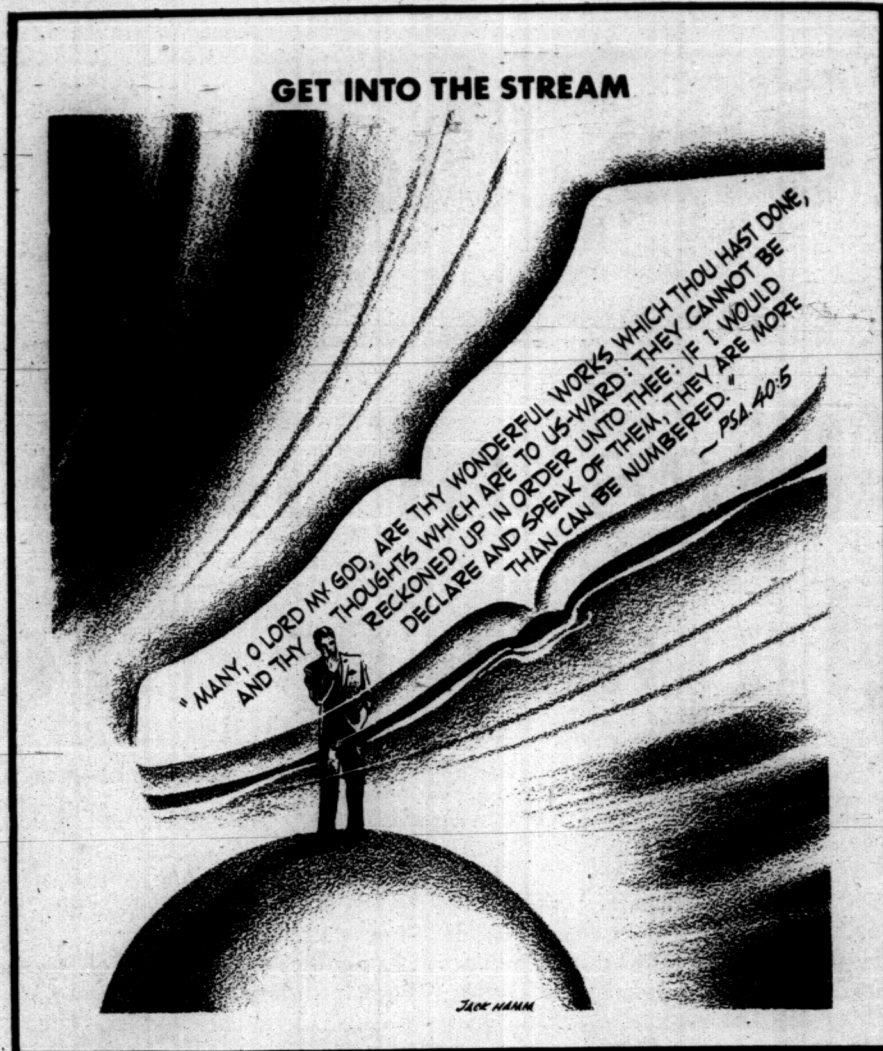
"If we let this pass by, what will we say is our reason for existence? If God is giving us a final opportunity and we decide to pass it up, then what?"

Following his remarks, Stanley called the meeting to its knees in prayer. The meeting the next night also ended

ed in such a prayer session.

Alan Sears, an attorney from Kentucky who is an Executive Committee member, asked for time to discuss the issues that are dividing the convention. The time was set following the Tuesday evening session. It turned into a scripture reading and prayer session, however, as the February meeting came to a close.

Prayer was also the main ingredient of a gathering of about 35 people from around the state at Mississippi Baptist Convention President Charles Pickering's farm in Jones County last week. This was a meeting of people from both sides of the controversy and of those who have taken no side. Messages were presented by Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and Gerald Harris, pastor of Colonial Heights Church, Jackson. Most of the time was spent in prayer, however. A great deal of the prayer time was spent in small groups. Testimony times were built into the small group session also. The men got to know each other and to understand the spiritual experiences that lie at the heart of the ministry of each. They found that each person



there was driven by a call from God and by a burning ambition to be within the center of God's will for their ministry and life. They heard details of the times that these men had faced God and had found it necessary to

make decisions. Then they prayed together.

It was a rich time. If such experiences could be reproduced all over the nation, we would begin to understand each other.

The Baptist Press drama

For some months now the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee has been playing out a drama revolving around Baptist Press. Back in September Baptist Press released a story on a Monday noting that Houston judge Paul Pressler had taped a telephone conversation with a Southern Seminary student without mentioning the taping to the student. Then he gave the tape to a Houston

newspaper reporter, also without the student's knowledge.

The student complained to the Federal Communications Commission. The FCC said no law had been violated; but the student felt he had been the victim of a breach of ethics and told Baptist Press as much.

Time and space ran out on Monday before Pressler, who was contacted, could be provided an opportunity to answer; and his answer was released on Tuesday. Only one state paper, Tennessee, was close enough to the scene to get the Monday story used in the same week; but Pressler charged in his first session as an Executive Committee member that he had been treated unfairly by Baptist Press. He wanted both stories released together.

The matter was turned over to the committee's Administrative and Convention Arrangements subcommittee and from thence to the subcommittee's public relations workgroup.

There are a number of questions that must be raised in the wake of this issue. Foremost, of course, is whether or not Pressler was treated unfairly. Another question is whether or not Pressler would have been afforded the hearing he got if he had not been a leader in the fundamentalist group of the Southern Baptist Convention. A third question is whether or not he would have had such a hearing if he had not been a member of the Executive Committee. Additionally, one could ask if the Executive Committee should have taken its time to give attention to the matter.

But the overriding question to me is why should a Baptist Press news story be judged by the public relations workgroup of the Executive Committee.

From September, when the issue surfaced, until February, when it was resolved, there was a great deal of work behind the scenes. Among other things, the Southern Baptist Association, the organization of Baptist state papers, engaged three independent journalists to study the matter and render a judgment on the fairness of the treatment. This study was worked out by the association's Baptist Press liaison committee and was funded by six of the state papers. The Baptist Record was one of them.

This study determined that there had been no unfair treatment. I fully agree. In journalism, just as in every other walk of life, things can't always go the way everybody would want them to. That is basic, for not everybody wants the same things. Things don't always go the ways those who are making the decisions would want them to.

In this case, however, we are speaking about a minor situation. The first story went out on Monday, and there was not opportunity to present a rebuttal on the same day for various reasons. The rebuttal went out the next day. Only one paper in all the world used the first story ahead of the second one. Even concerning the rebuttal Pressler complained that the student had been quoted again in the second story whereas he (Pressler) had not been quoted in the first. He was, of course, quoted again, many times, following the student's statements in the second story.

Well, so what? Why take up space even now with such a matter. The answer is that it was the dominant matter at the February Executive Committee meeting.

Thankfully, the Executive Committee decided that there had been no in-

tent at unfair treatment. There was not a dissenting vote in either the Administrative subcommittee or the Executive Committee itself. In the Administrative subcommittee meeting both Pressler and W. C. Fields, director of Baptist Press, were given 45 minutes to present their cases.

Pressler had arrived with a suitcase full of what he termed was four or five hours of testimony and which he insisted on presenting. The public relations workgroup, however, ruled that no person who was not a member of the workgroup would speak, and the issue would not be guilt or innocence but fairness. Pressler is not a member of the workgroup.

The Administrative subcommittee ruled for presentations of no more than 45 minutes. The Southern Baptist Press Association report was presented by President Bob Terry of Missouri during Fields' time allotment. Pressler is a member of the subcommittee.

The subcommittee adopted and sent on to the Executive Committee a report originating in the workgroup which stated that it would have been preferable to have had the complaint and the rebuttal in the same story on the same day but that there had been no intent to be unfair. Following the adoption of the report by the Executive Committee, Pressler indicated that he had received a fair hearing.

Whether or not Pressler would have been afforded such a hearing if he had not been a leader of the fundamentalist group or an Executive Committee member is anybody's guess. Should the Executive Committee have taken so much time on the matter? The answer is yes. Since Pressler wanted to be heard he needed to be heard.

That was the only way to settle it. In Baptist life we must hear those who want to present their views. It takes time, but it is necessary.

But why should the public relations workgroup be given the watchcare over Baptist Press? Even though Baptist Press is housed in the public relations section of the Executive Committee Staff, it is not a public relations function. There is a world of difference between news and public relations. Baptist Press was initiated to be of service to the Baptist state papers. Should it be fettered in any way? Is it to have an arm of the Executive Committee checking it out to see if its stories are acceptable? If so, it will lose its credibility with news outlets and readers. Or, indeed, was this a subtle hint that the stories had better be acceptable or else? Was this a message directed at a broader scope of denominational executives?

There are no ready answers to any of these questions except that for it to be a useful element in Southern Baptist life Baptist Press has got to be free to deal impartially with the news. Of course, impartiality changes hues with the perspective from which one views it; so that leaves determination up to those who are in charge.

Public relations efforts are not necessarily contrary to news interests, but also they are not necessarily the news.

No doubt there will be those who will say that Fields is an employee of the Executive Committee and his actions are accountable to the committee. That is true in public relations functions. He is accountable to his news outlets, however, for disseminating the news in a fair, impartial, and dependable manner. (Continued on page 12)

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Sanctuary study set by Baptist Committee

By Dan Martin

WASHINGTON (BP)—The religious liberty implications of the Sanctuary Movement will be studied by a special task force of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

The study was approved during the annual meeting of the 44-member governing board of the BJCPA, a First Amendment organization composed of nine Baptist denominations in North America.

In addition to setting the study, the committee also adopted a proposed budget for 1985-86, reiterated its long-standing position opposing state-sponsored prayer in public schools, and heard reports on pending cases before the Supreme Court and legislation before Congress.

Prior to authorizing the Sanctuary study, members of the committee heard a report by Charles Z. Smith, professor emeritus and former dean at the University of Washington Law School. Smith, an American Baptist, explained the Sanctuary Movement is an effort to harbor refugees from Central America who have been declared illegal aliens by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).

Smith, who has been a special prosecutor for the United States, said many persons involved in the movement believe the refugees are fleeing for their lives from political oppression. The government, he said, has declared the Central Americans to be "economic refugees" and thus not entitled to refugee status.

He explained the complicated situation by noting if a person from Cuba and a person from Haiti arrived in the United States on the same boat, the Cuban would be entitled to stay as a political refugee, but the Haitian would be deported as an economic refugee.

First Amendment questions involv-

ed, according to Smith, may revolve around whether the government may determine the nature and mission of the church and whether government agents have the right to carry tape recorders into church services to gather evidence against possible "conspirators" who would shelter refugees.

Currently, he said, "there is limited participation among Baptists. I know of (only) seven American Baptist Churches who have declared sanctuary. There are about 150 to 200 churches in the United States across denominational lines who have publicly declared sanctuary."

Smith is an attorney for an American Baptist pastor in Seattle named an unindicted co-conspirator in a recent case involving refugees from El Salvador.

Following Smith's presentation, Stanley Grenz, a professor at North American Baptist Theological Seminary in Sioux Falls, S.D., called for a task force to study the religious liberty implications of the Sanctuary Movement.

In other business the BJCPA adopted a proposed 1985-86 budget of \$576,000, of which \$418,000 would come from the SBC Cooperative Program budget.

In response to a question by Ginnings about the level of funding from the SBC, James M. Dunn, BJCPA executive director, said: "While we receive a large commitment from the SBC, we also spend about 90 percent of staff time in responding to SBC constituents."

He also noted more than half of the 28 million members in the affiliated bodies are Southern Baptists and statistics indicate 75 cents of every dollar sent by Baptists beyond the local church comes through the SBC.

Dunn also said the BJCPA will be looking for ways to develop additional funding from the other Baptist denominations as well as from other sources.

At the close of the meeting, Albert Lee Smith of Birmingham, Ala., introduced a motion to put the BJC on record supporting separate measures in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate identical to President Reagan's school prayer amendment, which was defeated during the last term of Congress.

Smith, a former one-term congressman from Alabama and a recent unsuccessful Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate, said: "Since prayer was outlawed in 1962 we have seen an increase in divorce, homosexuality, and promiscuity... because we have turned from God."

Southwestern professor William Estep said he opposes the proposed

prayer amendment "because I believe in prayer. I agree completely that the nation has turned from God and is drug-crazed and debauched. But I do not agree this will all be changed simply because a prayer amendment is passed."

"The amendment," he added, "is not a return to prayer, but is a call for civil religion, which is the antithesis of the Christian faith."

With only four votes favoring Smith's motion, the BJCPA reiterated its long-standing policy of opposition to state-sponsored prayer in the public schools.

Dan Martin is Baptist Press news editor.)

Lotfi suit dismissed in Virginia

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—A \$5 million damage suit against the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has been dismissed "without prejudice" by U.S. District Court Judge D. Dortch Warriner.

The plaintiff, Nasser Lotfi of Austin, Texas, a former foreign mission volunteer, requested the dismissal. Warriner dismissed the suit Feb. 28.

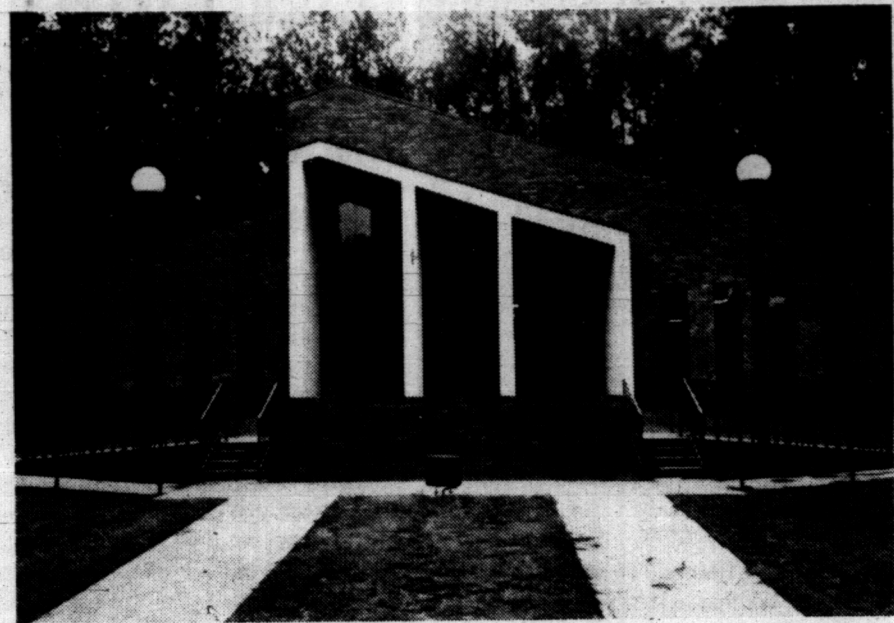
Lotfi had sought \$5 million in damages and \$60,000 in disability and medical benefits stemming from an alleged beating in 1982. The suit claimed Turkish immigrants beat Lotfi into unconsciousness March 27, 1982, in Augsburg, West Germany, where he was working to develop a congregation of Baptist believers. The suit said Lotfi suffered permanent disabling injuries to his back and spine.

Dismissal of the suit "without prejudice" means Lotfi can refile the suit, but the dismissal order stipulates he must refile in the U.S. District Court for the eastern district of Virginia. This is the court where the suit was filed March 26, 1984. Lotfi was given 10 days to contest this requirement.

Lotfi initially filed the suit in the U.S. District Court in Fort Worth, Texas, in March 1983. It was dismissed in September of that year for lack of jurisdiction.

Lotfi, identified by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram as a former officer in the Iranian military and a naturalized U.S. citizen, went to West Germany in January 1982 for a two-year volunteer term. He was assigned to work among Turkish immigrants in cooperation with the German Baptist

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Center dedication at Southwest

A new Baptist Student Center for Southwest Mississippi Junior College at Summit, will be dedicated Sunday, March 17 at 2:30 p.m. An open house will be held after the ceremony. Ed Able is Baptist Student Union director.

Colombia drug tensions may alter Virginia plans

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Continuing drug traffic tension in Colombia has prompted the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to suggest Virginia Baptists select another country for partnership missions.

The Baptist General Association of Virginia approved a partnership relationship with Baptists in the South American country last November. Such partnerships involve sending U.S. pastors and church members overseas to work with Baptists and missionaries in the country. Mississippi Baptists are in partnership with Paraguay, Uruguay, and Argentina.

Foreign Mission Board officials relayed the suggestion during a Feb. 22 meeting with Richard Stephenson, Virginia Baptists' executive director, and Richmond layman Earl Scott, president of the Baptist association. The suggestion will be considered March 12 by an association committee supervising the Colombia partnership.

Colombian drug dealers have threatened to retaliate against U.S. diplomats and businessmen for the Jan. 5 extradition of four Colombians to face drug smuggling charges in the U.S. Because of the threats, the Foreign Mission Board asked its mis-

sionaries to stay at home as much as possible and placed a hold on sending new missionaries or volunteer groups to Colombia.

Missionaries have since resumed their church work and a new missionary couple went to Bogota Feb. 20. All are maintaining a low profile, and no large meetings of missionaries are scheduled, according to Bryan Brasington, Foreign Mission Board director for western South America. However, the board's hold on volunteer work in Colombia is still in effect.

"The missionaries and nationals in Colombia have recommended we do not continue the (Virginia) partnership for the time being," Brasington said. "They do not see the situation clearing up for at least six months, and there is nothing definite about the situation clearing up even after that."

Virginia Baptists, by choosing another country, will be able to plan partnership efforts sooner than the situation in Colombia will permit, he said.

Other new missionaries may be sent to Colombia when visas are granted, he added. Five couples are awaiting visas and none have requested assignments to another country.

Youth meet offers "involvement"

A special missions weekend, designed for young people in grades 7-12, their adult leaders, and interested college students will take place April 5-6 at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian.

The weekend will offer young people opportunities to meet and get to know home and foreign missions who are in the state, either working or on furlough. The theme will be "Involvement: Finding my Place in Missions."

The conference will also tell about ways the young people of Mississippi can become involved themselves in mission work.

Missionaries on hand for the conference include Mrs. Cheryl Cox, mis-



Burroughs



Cutrer

sionary to Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta); Miss Debbie Gilbert, student at Mississippi College and summer missionary to Jordan; Scotty Goldman, schoolteacher in

Philadelphia and summer missionary to Taiwan; John McBride, director of the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and Mrs. Lynn McBride; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons, former missionaries to Hong Kong (he is teaching at New Orleans Seminary); Mr. and Mrs. James Slack, missionaries to the Philippines; and Mr. and Mrs. James Young, missionaries to Bangladesh.

Besides the missionaries, platform personalities include Esther Burroughs, and Byron Cutrer. Mrs. Burroughs is assistant director of the Special Mission Ministries Department.

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Smith, Cooper to lead state Men's Conference

James Smith, head of Southern Baptists' national men's mission organization, will be principal speaker at the annual Baptist Men's Conference, Saturday, March 23 at Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson.

Smith, president of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission in Memphis, will be joined on the platform by former SBC president Owen Cooper of Yazoo City.

The annual event, for all Baptist men in the state, begins at 9:30 a.m. with special interest group meetings. There will be small group meetings for men and women interested in agricultural missions, lay renewal, retirees on missions, medical and dental missions, ham radio work, and

there will be a special meeting for women interested in ministering.

A luncheon begins at 11:15 featuring Texas humorist William Thorn as entertainer and with the "Antiques" of Rankin County performing. Cost of the luncheon is \$5 per person. Tickets are available from the Brotherhood Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, Miss 39205.

The general session begins at 12:30 when Smith and Cooper will speak.

The specialty conferences and the general session are free. Only the luncheon requires a ticket to be purchased from the Brotherhood Department which sponsors the event.

Retirees on Mission to organize

An organizational meeting will take place during the Baptist Men's Conference March 23 for a Retirees on Mission Fellowship. This meeting is in response to statewide interest by men and women for such a group.

The meeting, which takes place alongside other special interest conferences at 9:30 a.m. at Parkway Baptist Church in Jackson, will have on hand several retired couples already involved in home and foreign mission projects who have information on how others can become involved in voluntary mission service.

BJCPA affirmed; new Washington office nixed

By Dan Martin

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—The establishment of a Southern Baptist Convention Public Affairs Office in Washington "does not appear practicable," according to a study conducted by the SBC Executive Committee.

During its February meeting, the Executive Committee adopted a recommendation affirming the SBC's "historic relationship to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs" and report to the SBC annual meeting in June that establishment of an office "exclusively related to the SBC does not appear practicable."

The study was sparked by a motion presented by the 1984 annual meeting in Kansas City, Mo., to "move to establish a Southern Baptist presence in Washington to address public and governmental affairs. . . ." The motion was referred to the Executive Committee, which is required to study the matter and report to the 1985 annual meeting.

In presenting the recommendation to affirm the continuation of SBC involvement with the BJCPA, Malcolm Jones of Baltimore, said establishment of a SBC office in Washington "would be very costly, both in startup and operation."

Jones, chairman of the commissions workgroup of the Executive Committee, said the SBC was instrumental in founding BJCPA, adding the "combined efforts of the SBC and the BJCPA has been very effective in matters of separation of church and state and religious liberty."

The action to affirm BJCPA and to report establishment of an SBC office was "not practicable," was opposed by

Ed Drake, an attorney from Dallas. Drake, although a member of the Executive Committee, proposed defunding BJCPA during the 1984 annual meeting.

While affirming BJCPA in its First Amendment efforts, Drake said there are a "great host" of other issues "such as homosexuality and abortion" not covered by the BJCPA purpose. He said the SBC is the only major religious group not to have its own presence in the nation's capitol.

Drake complained "most" of the other eight Baptist groups affiliated with the joint committee "are members of the National Council of Churches . . . which marches to a different beat from Southern Baptists." Representatives of BJCPA, however, report only two of the eight member bodies—the American Baptist Churches and the Progressive National Baptist Convention—are NCC members. The other six are not.

Drake also criticized James M. Dunn, executive director of BJCPA, claiming Dunn "is no longer effective" in representing Southern Baptists.

After Drake's opposition, the Executive Committee adopted the recommendation on a voice vote. Some observers said it carried by at least a 3-to-1 margin.

During its February meeting, the Executive Committee:

- Declined to recommend a change in the number of trustees serving on the 20 national agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention;

- Reported a study has determined trustees of the six SBC seminaries are elected by the SBC exclusively;

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1985 editor officers

Recently elected officers for 1985-86 for the Southern Baptist Press Association are, from left: Jack Brymer, editor of the Florida Baptist Witness, secretary-treasurer; Bob Terry, editor of the (Missouri) Word and Way, president; and Lynn Clayton, editor of the Louisiana Baptist Message, president-elect. The SBPA will hold its 1986 meeting in Williamsburg, Va. The 1985 meeting was in Hawaii.

Annuity Board to allow monthly fund transfers

DALLAS (BP) — Annuity Board trustees approved an amendment allowing participants in Southern Baptist retirement programs to make monthly investment transfers and adopted a resolution opposing a proposal which would eliminate tax-free housing for ministers.

Effective July 1, participants in the Church Annuity Plan may transfer their retirement accumulations each month between all investment funds. Persons employed by Southern Baptist agencies will become eligible for the transfer option after their agency adopts the amendment.

In further action, the trustees

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Union and Southern Baptist career missionaries.

Foreign Mission Board Officials said Lotfi was originally selected because of his apparent Christian commitment, Middle East background, language skills, and intense desire to serve. Consultations in July 1982 resulted in a decision to end the agreement under which Lotfi went overseas.

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ment of the Home Mission Board, and Cutrer is minister of music at First Church, Greenville.

To make reservations for the conference, write Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, Miss., 39571. Include \$27 per person with reservations.

Sponsors of the event, the Brotherhood and Woman's Mission Union Departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, note that because of a number of school conflicts, several groups will need to be arriving late on Friday. If such is expected, notify Gulfshore that the group will not be arriving for the evening meal, and deduct \$4.25 per person from the reservation costs.

Registration at Gulfshore begins at 1 p.m. Friday and the meeting concludes at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Take LIGHT with a bit of SALT

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)—Robert Larremore takes humor seriously.

The alumnus of Southwestern Seminary, here, recently published the first issue of LIGHT, a journal of religion and humor. LIGHT is an acronym for Laughter in God, History and Theology.

Other editorial staff members are listed as Tal D. Bonham, executive secretary-treasurer of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio; Conrad Hyers, professor of religion at Gustavus-Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn.; John Newport, Southwestern's vice-president for academic affairs and provost, and Ralph L. Smith, distinguished professor of Old Testament at Southwestern.

Larremore said the journal is sponsored by SALT, a Southwestern organization promoting "Salvation And Laughter Together."

"Most people think they have a sense of humor," Larremore said. "But when they get into religion, they think it's not appropriate."

The first issue of the biannual publication contains three articles and a section of book reviews.

The main articles are on interview by Bonham with comedian Jerry Clower, a Baptist layman from Yazoo City, Miss.; "The Day Jonah Swallowed the Whale" by Hyers; and a scholarly article on theology and humor by Fred D. Layman, professor of biblical studies at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky.

Subscriptions to LIGHT are available by writing to Larremore at P. O. Box 6928, Fort Worth, Tex., 76115.

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Missions workshop inspires prison Bible ministry

A small missions workshop group which met at First Church, Gulfport, two years ago to hear a message by Sid Taylor, director of Prison Evangelism Outreach, has resulted in a regular ministry to prisoners.

The Gulfport group, all women, has enrolled 250 correspondents in a Bible lesson ministry that is operated on a weekly basis.

There are about 12 women who meet weekly and send lessons to prisoners in at least 20 states. The women are divided into teams; and they send lessons, grade the results, and write notes and letters of encouragement.

To date they have mailed more than 2,226 lessons and have awarded more than 70 certificates for completed sections of study. They have sent a great many Bibles to prisoners who requested them.

The women furnish the postage, paper, and envelopes for the ministry and even furnish the certificates denoting completion of sections. One of them owns a print shop.

Ethel McKeithen, who has retired as a staff member with the Mississippi Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, also spoke to the group and challenged the women to get involved in missions work.

Mrs. Loyce Woodley is WMU mission action chairman at First Church, Gulfport, and she directs the activities. Others involved include Kathleen Rankin, Thelma Ward,

Carey announces staff changes, faculty raises

William Carey College President J. Ralph Noonkester announced the appointment of a new academic vice president and faculty salary budget increases for 1985-86 totaling 14 percent. That percentage includes the funding of several new vaculty positions as well as raises for faculty.

J. V. McCrory, chairman of the English department since 1967, has been named vice president for academic affairs, succeeding Milton Wheeler, who was named dean of Carey's new college of arts and sciences in January.

Other administrative changes include the promotion of Marilyn Pound, regional libraries coordinator, to director of libraries and the shifting of Coast Administrative Dean James Downey to dean of continuing education.

Also, Donald Eugene Winters, assistant professor of music, has been named acting dean of the Winters School of Music following the resignation of Clinton C. Nichols. Nichols announced no immediate plans.

Winters received his bachelor's and master's degrees in music from William Carey and has a Ph.D. in music education from Florida State University. He is son of the school of music's founders, Dr. and Mrs. Donald Winters.

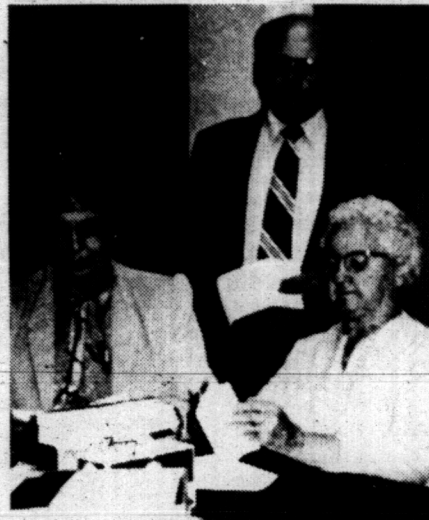
"There are times when the saints are at their best; then it is that they have much assurance." — J. B. Gambrell

Louise Anderson, Irene Dean, Morene Cooper, Misty DeBlasio, Edna Wilson, Ruby Rose Hamilton, Dot Mitchell, Jean Allgood, Betty Jo Dowdy, Audine Hill, Ruth Furey, and Marjorie Dearman.

A number of individuals and Sunday School classes at the church contribute to help the women buy the materials that are needed.

Taylor is a member of Emmanuel Church, Ocean Springs. He has been director of Prison Evangelism Outreach for five years. He and his wife explain their ministry as well as the prison correspondence course through engagements in churches.

The Gulfport correspondence group uses the church box number as an address.



Sid Taylor stands behind, left to right, Jean Allgood and Ruby Rose Hamilton.

Baptist groups give Mardi Gras witness

By Oscar Hoffmeyer, Jr.

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—Most Mardi Gras visitors want to party. But this year more than 40 Baptists from 10 churches in five states came to preach.

Their home was the Vieux Carre Baptist Church, the only non-Catholic house of worship in the French Quarter, according to Roy Humphrey, pastor for the past 10 years.

The Mardi Gras party, which lasts for a couple of weeks and ends the night before the Lenten season begins, is not the most ideal time to witness, as some of the Baptists noted. But in spite of the party atmosphere, Humphrey said the groups, all laymen except one pastor and an associate pastor, reported 46 professions of faith and distribution of 28,000 tracts.

Jay Fuslier, Brotherhood director at Olivet Baptist Church, Sulphur, La., who spends some of his time at the corner of Canal and Dauphine streets, said, "Most people will take a tract but may not be interested in talking. But two did ask directions to the church, and one family said they were church members."

David Cobb, associate pastor at Wedgewood Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, said as they handed a young man a tract and said, "Jesus loves you," he stopped. "Do you know what sin is?" they asked. "Yeah," he replied. "I've stolen and lied."

"You admit you're a sinner?" "Yeah."

After they shared the gospel with him, he was asked if someone were to show him how to receive Christ, would he. "Yeah," he replied. After praying to receive Christ, he took a New Testament to study. His name and Houston address will be sent to a pastor for followup.

Most of the men have participated in non-acquaintance witnessing at home. Fuslier said there was little difference between response in New Orleans and Sulphur.

The Baptist men came for various reasons.

Roger Maddox, a Southwestern Seminary student from Sayre, Okla.,

said he wanted to "learn the power of God is witnessing on the street." Some said they wanted the experience in order to become more effective back home.

Humphrey counseled the men for effective, non-acquaintance witnessing before the men went to the streets. Among the suggestions:

- 1) Realize you are part of God's program, not God's program. There are a lot of answers you don't know.
- 2) You're not on the judgment team. It's hard not to judge some people. You'll find three kinds—those who love Jesus, those who do not but will listen, and those who do not and are not interested, and 3) We are in God's sales department. It is our job to tell about God's love.

He counsels those interested in non-acquaintance witnessing to "not stay out more than a couple of hours because it is spiritually draining. Come back for Bible study and reflection before going out again."

Humphrey, who ran away from home at the age of 15 and lived on New Orleans' streets before becoming a Christian, has set a goal of a continuing ministry in the Quarter instead of just during Mardi Gras.

Fuslier said he feels participation at other times of the year will be beneficial for youth groups and others. The church, located at 711 Dauphine Street, a block from Bourbon Street, has newly renovated sleeping and eating facilities for more than 55 persons and can be a center for their activities.

The church, all 19 members, has commitments from 17 groups next summer, including 13 from Louisiana, to share in the ministry to shop owners, residents, and guests of the Vieux Carre, when the party is not so large.

Hoffmeyer writes for the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

"If we did not sink small differences for the general good, all would be lost." — J. B. Gambrell

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Mrs. Sid Taylor watches, left to right, Audine Hill, Edna Wilson, and Ruth Furey.

Seminar to discuss addicts and families

"Ministering to the Chemically Dependent and His Family" is the topic of this year's Pastoral Care/Ethics Seminar at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center on Thursday, March

21, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. in the Gilfoy Auditorium. The seminar is for pastors, church personnel, and the interested public. There is no charge to attend and free parking will be available.

Speakers will be Edward C. Burchak, addictionologist with MBMC's Chemical Dependency Center; Tom Stevens, internist; Cheryl Stiles, family coordinator at the Chemical Dependency Center; and Chaplain Joe Stovall, who has dealt with the chemically dependent and their families. Topics that will be covered include "The Pre-Addictive Years," "Medical Consequences of Drug Abuse," "Chemical Dependency: The Family Illness," and "Ministering to the Chemically Dependent and His Family."

Each year the Pastoral Care/Ethics Seminar is sponsored by MBMC's Pastoral Care Department and the Christian Action Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention. For more information contact Gordon Shamburger at 968-5146 or Paul Jones at 968-3800.

Tell me thy company and I will tell thee what thou art. — Cervantes

First deaf men's group formed

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)—A Deaf Men's Fellowship started at First Church, here, is believed to be the first such organization in the Southern Baptist Convention.

The group has been meeting for several months to learn about Brotherhood and Baptist Men. The fellowship was formally organized Jan. 23.

The organization has decided to follow the study/fellowship approach as outlined in the Purpose and Plan of Baptist Brotherhood. This approach includes mission action, prayer groups, witnessing groups, and other emphases as determined by the group.

Claude Burgess is minister to the deaf at the Memphis church and Earl Davis is pastor.

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High court to decide 'Equal Access' dispute

WASHINGTON (BP)—The U. S. Supreme Court will decide whether public secondary school pupils have a constitutional right to conduct on-campus religious meetings when such gatherings are student-initiated and student-controlled.

In a brief order Feb. 19, the court announced it will hear the case of *Bender v. Williamsport Area School District* testing the free speech rights of high school students when the contest of the speech is religious.

Lower courts have split on the question in the Williamsport, Pa., case, with a federal district judge ruling for the students, followed by a 2-1 court of appeals reversal last year. The Supreme Court twice in recent years has refused to settle the same basic issue in previous appeals from Guilderland, N.Y., and Lubbock, Texas.

Religious groups representing more than 100 denominations with 80 million members asked the court last December to accept the Williamsport case for review. A legal brief

seeking the action was filed by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and joined by the National Association of Evangelicals and the National Council of Churches of Christ.

That document, written and filed with the court by the Baptist Joint Committee's late general counsel John W. Baker, urged the justices to review the Williamsport case because "many of those persons who are responsible for operating our nation's public schools have either failed to read or have grossly misread the court's decisions," a reference to the historic 1962 and 1983 rulings banning state-sponsored religious exercises in public schools. "As a result," Baker wrote, "many school districts have assumed or have been persuaded that all religious activities in the public schools, even when the state is not involved... are unconstitutional."

Because the court's calendar for its current term is already full, the Williamsport case will be heard sometime after Oct. 7, when the 1985-86 term begins. A final decision is unlikely before the end of 1985.

State ringers to gather for festival

Ringers are gathering from across the state for Mississippi's Baptist Handbell Festival March 29-30 in Jackson.

Included in this year's festival will be a public concert of ringing by the massed choirs from Baptist churches throughout the state. That concert will be March 30 at 1:30 p.m. at the Mississippi Coliseum on the fairgrounds.

Friday, March 29 there will be adjudication of all choirs at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Oak Forest Baptist Church. The next day practice by all the handbell choirs will begin at the coliseum at 9 a.m.

Directing will be Farley Earnest of First Church, Brandon; Truitt Roberts of First Church, Starkville; and Perry Robinson of First Church, Ellisville. Robinson is a music specialist with the Mississippi Baptist Church Music Department.

Judges will be Dot Pray of Jackson; George McFadin of Horn Lake; Gary Anglin of Pascagoula; Tom Westmoreland, Church Music director for South Carolina Baptists; Lynn Madden of Mobile; and Phyllis Kirk of Birmingham.

Missions directors invited to conference

NEW ORLEANS—Associational directors of missions and state missions personnel are invited to a special conference March 20-22 at New Orleans Seminary.

Speakers include Bob Simmons, associate professor of missions at the seminary, "A Theology of Missions;" and J. C. Bradley, director of the Home Mission Board's Associational Administration Department, "Challenge in Change: The Director of Missions in the Evolving Association."

Associational quartet winners to sing at MC

March 23 at the Mississippi College Coliseum, the voices of the Masters Five will be heard, along with the voices of quartet groups from churches across the state of Mississippi.

The Masters Five consists of J. D. Sumner, Hovie Lister, Jake Hess, James Blackwood, and Steve Warren. These will be featured during the State Gospel Quartet Sing at 7 p.m. at the MC coliseum in Clinton.

The singing begins earlier, however. At 1:30 p.m. at Aven Hall on campus the semi-finals in the competition begin. Winners of this round go on to the finals at 3:30 p.m. And finals winners will perform during the sing that evening.

Associational winner groups which have been invited to participate in the state competition include Tate Street, Corinth; First, Kosciusko; Pleasant Hill, Copiah/Lincoln; First, Crystal Springs; Union and Immanuel, Hattiesburg; Hickory Grove, Sumrall;

Phalti Covington/Jeff Davis; Pass Road, Gulfport; Bel Air, Gulfport; Morrison Heights, Clinton; Parkway, Jackson; Eastlawn, Pascagoula; First, Gautier; First, Brooklyn; North Greenwood, Greenwood; First, Itta Bena; First, Philadelphia; Calvary, Starkville; First Aberdeen; Coldwater, Philadelphia; First, Flowood; Oakdale, Brandon; First, Morton; Harrisburg, Simpson; Corinth, Magee; Union, Mize; Fellowship, Taylorsville; Oakhurst, Clarksdale.

Tickets for the event will be \$6 at the door, \$5 single in advance, and \$4 groups of 15 or more in advance. Tickets may be purchased in Jackson at the Baptist Book Store, Maranatha book stores, the Music Box, and the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board which is sponsoring the event.

SBC goes live

NASHVILLE (BP) — The 1985 Southern Baptist Convention will be transmitted live from Dallas on the Baptist Telecommunication Network (BTN) June 11-13.

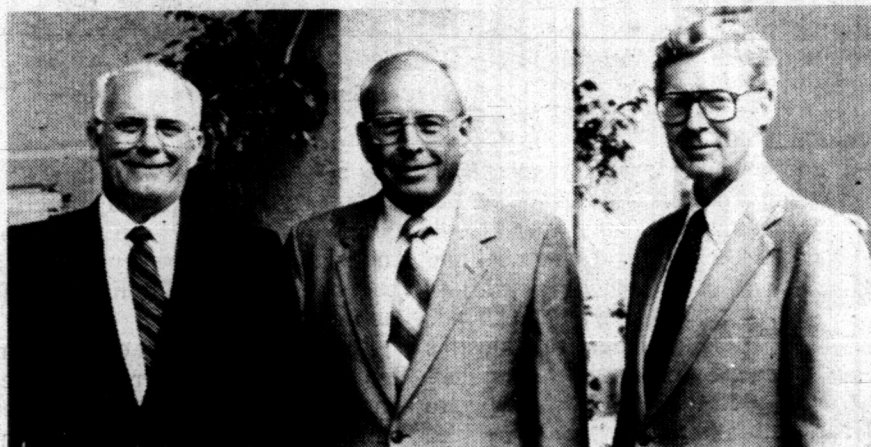
The gavel-to-gavel coverage of the convention will begin Tuesday, June 11, at 8:30 a.m. (CDT), and conclude with adjournment Thursday, June 13, at 4:30 p.m. according to officials of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Anchor for the coverage will be Gomer Lesch, anchor of SBC NewScene and senior BTN consultant at the Sunday School Board, and Dick McCartney, editor of the Oklahoma Baptist Messenger.

Joe Denney, manager of the telecommunications department, said coverage will include brief previews and wrap-ups of each session as well as every action of the convention, including business, the president's address, the annual convention sermon, and agency reports. Special events such as the news conference of the newly elected president also will be covered live.

All BTN subscribers will receive an "SBC '85 Subscriber Participation Guide," outlining ways to promote viewing of convention sessions, Denney said.

As of Jan. 31, a total of 4,433 churches have access to BTN through church or association subscriptions, Denney said.



New executive director officers

Two of the three elected leaders of the Southern Baptist Association of State Convention Executive Directors for 1985-86 are from the east coast and the third is barely over the Mississippi River. From left are Dan Stringer, executive director-treasurer of the Florida Baptist Convention, vice president; Rheubin L. South, executive director of the Missouri Baptist Convention, president; and Ellis M. Bush, executive director-treasurer of the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania — South Jersey, secretary-treasurer. The association, which was hosted by the Hawaii Baptist Convention this year will meet in Williamsburg, Va. in 1986.

BJCPA affirmed; new office nixed

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•Accepted Atlanta as the site for the 1991 annual meeting, even though the dates of June 4-6 are earlier than usual;

•Determined two former SBC-operated hospitals—Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville, Fla., and

Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans—are "continuing to operate as Baptist oriented... institutions consistent with the divestiture action" in 1970.

•Elected Mrs. O. D. Lambirth, a member of First Baptist Church,

Elida, N.M., to the 1985 SBC committee on boards, replacing Rebecca Jean Wolfe, who became ineligible after accepting church-related employment.

Dan Martin is Baptist Press News editor.

Mrs. McKinney, dies in Texas, composer's widow

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (BP) — Leila Irene Routh McKinney, 95, widow of the famed gospel music



composer and Southern Baptist music pioneer B. B. McKinney, died in her sleep March 1. The long-time Nashville, Tenn., resident moved to San Antonio in 1983.

McKinney She served for many years as training union director for Nashville's First Baptist Church. At age 93, she continued to work as receptionist in the preschool area.

The McKinney family moved to Nashville from Fort Worth, Texas, in 1935 when he became music editor for the Baptist Sunday School Board. In 1941, he became secretary of the board's newly-formed church music department. He wrote more than 700 gospel hymns, children's songs and anthems, and in 1982 was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame.

She earned bachelor's degrees from Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Texas; Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and Texas Christian University, Fort Worth. She worked at the Sunday School Board for a brief time before retiring in 1955.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested contributions to the McKinney Memorial Fund at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, or to First Baptist Church, Nashville.

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Hawaii's first "local" director leads in new church planting

By Michael Tutterow

HONOLULU, Hawaii — "New winds are blowing" in the Hawaii Baptist Convention, said Dan Kong, executive director for Hawaii Baptists.

In fact, the new winds have blown in an entirely new state convention staff during the past three years, bringing with them a deep commitment to start new churches.

Kong, 56, took the helm of the convention in March 1983 after 10 years as director of development for Hawaii Baptist Academy. Churches throughout the islands "are beginning to see there are needs; and we must respond to them," he noted.

During the first 10 months of 1984, Hawaii Baptists began 12 churches; and baptisms were up 39 percent over 1983.

And Kong predicted the convention will start even more churches in an effort to reach Hawaii's one million people.

A product of missions himself, Kong has dreamed of seeing Hawaii Baptists triple resident membership by the end of the century. It's an ambitious goal, he admitted, for a convention less than 50 years old.

Hawaii Baptist work had its beginning in 1926 when a layman began worship services in Wahiawa in central Oahu. Eight years later, the small group of converts organized First Baptist Church of Wahiawa.

It was not until Southern Baptist foreign missionaries were forced out of China and Asia by World War II and the Communist takeover of China that Southern Baptists considered Hawaii a ripe mission field. Once only a stopping place for missionaries on their way to China and Asia, Hawaii even-

tually became home to 47 Southern Baptist foreign missionaries.

On December 12, 1940, the Hawaiian Mission of the Southern Baptist Convention was organized, with the Wahiawa church the first to affiliate with it. Kong, converted through the witness of foreign missionaries, grew up in that church, which celebrated its 50th anniversary last year.

Within three years the Hawaii Baptist Convention was organized with five churches.

Hawaii Baptists experienced rapid growth in their early years. Due to the war, the islands were under military law. Buddhist temples were closed, leaving Baptists an open door for reaching Hawaii's large Asian community.

Scores of military personnel flooded into the islands, then and now headquarters for the U.S. Pacific Fleet. Many of the military personnel had Baptist roots and joined Hawaii Baptist churches, bringing teaching skills and Bible knowledge to Hawaii's fledgling churches. After the war ended, many military families moved to the islands, also joining and strengthening Hawaii Baptists' mission outreach.

Statehood in 1959 brought further transition for Hawaii Baptists. Few of the churches were self-supporting. During the next few years the Foreign Mission Board phased out its support. Many Hawaii Baptist congregations met the challenge and became self-supporting.

Gradually the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board picked up responsibility for support of Hawaii Baptist work under a cooperative

agreement with the state convention.

Today the Hawaii Baptist Convention boasts 65 churches, missions, and language congregations in its six associations.

But Baptists have not kept pace with Hawaii's rapid growth, according to Veryl Henderson, state missions director for the Hawaii Baptist Convention. Henderson said he envisions one Southern Baptist church for every 10,000 people. Already, he said, Baptists should have 100 churches.

Though Hawaii Baptists plan to start 33 churches by the end of the decade, lack of resources may thwart their efforts, agreed Kong and Henderson.

The exorbitant cost of property prohibits many congregations from establishing permanent facilities. Baptists often have sat idly by as new communities popped up throughout the islands because they lacked the necessary funds to purchase land for future church sites.

Kong pointed out that one new community currently under development has land available, but an acre there runs about \$250,000, said Kong. Landholders want a \$25,000 downpayment with the balance due in 60 days, he said.

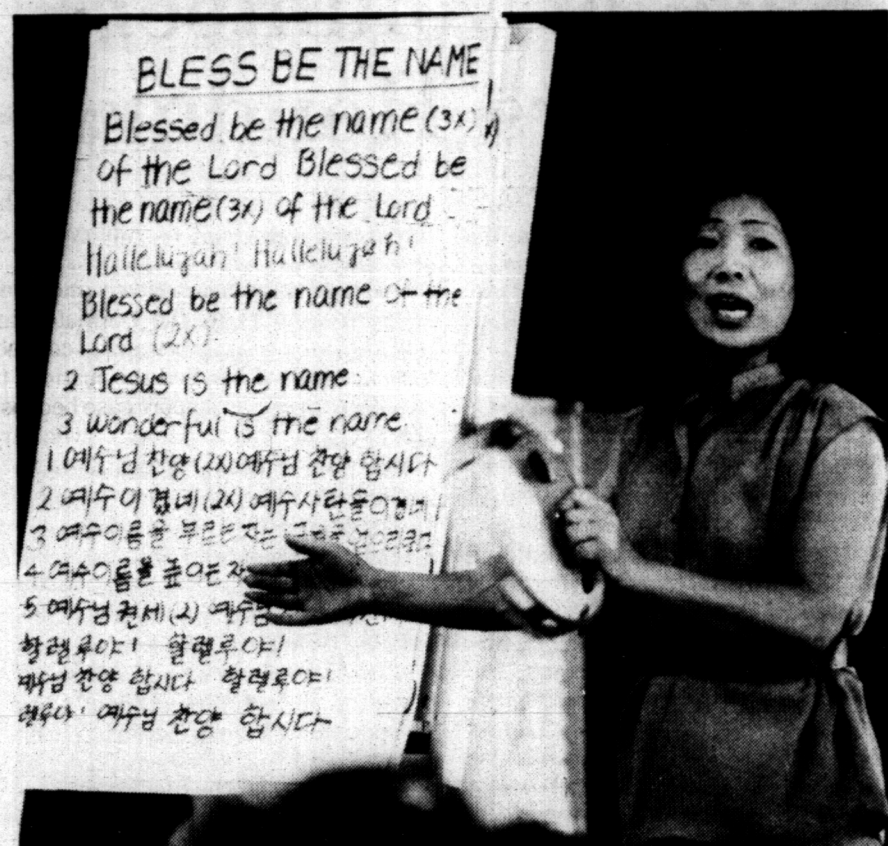
Adding to the cost, said Kong, is a \$9,000-a-year lease fee, which must be renegotiated after 10 years. In Hawaii, much of the land is still available only for lease.

"If we don't buy the property now, we'll be in trouble later," said Kong. "Once the houses are finished, there will be no room for a church."

Even with funds for church sites, enlisting leaders can be difficult, add-

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At the Korean church in Honolulu a member leads the congregation in singing, using a tambourine for rhythm.

ed Kong, who was the first "local" (as natives of the islands are called) to return from study on the mainland to pastor a church full time. About 20 locals are enrolled currently in seminary on the mainland, he added.

"We're trying to provide opportunities for locals to come back," explained Kong. "If we don't start new works and our seminary students don't have a place to serve, we're not only going to be embarrassed, but we're going to fail our Lord."

Reaching ethnics provides another challenge for Hawaii Baptists, especially amid the pluralistic environment of Hawaii. No one ethnic or religious group dominates society. But Asians of all kinds have settled here, bringing with them their

cultures and faiths.

Of the 27 missions supported by Hawaii Baptists, half are language congregations. Two of the churches reporting more than 50 baptisms last year were Korean congregations.

Volunteers have helped Hawaii Baptists at least stay even. Mission Service Corps workers have been "a God-send," said Kong. He estimated that MSC workers have "saved us a minimum of \$250,000."

Kong said mainland Southern Baptists could boost Hawaii Baptist work by providing volunteers to work directly with churches in areas of music, Sunday School and Church Training, and missions education.

With 50 MSC volunteers, said Kong, (Continued on page 14)

Marriage leads Mississippian into multi-ethnic ministry

By Leisa A. Hammett

HONOLULU, Hawaii — Mary Eleanor Braddock first heard about Dan Kong, now Hawaii Baptist Convention executive director, from summer camp co-workers Sam Choy, now Southern Baptist Home Mission Board missionary personnel associate director in Atlanta.

So when she went back to Southern Seminary in Louisville that fall, Mary

Eleanor went "looking for every oriental student on campus," laughed the native of Ripley, Miss.

When she met Dan, her search turned to prayers that they would begin dating. Their seminary courtship eventually led to marriage despite opposition from both parents.

Dan's parents, second generation Chinese living in Hawaii, and Mary Eleanor's parents in Mississippi, all opposed the marriage. Mary Eleanor even returned to her parents' home for a year to test her and Dan's relationship.

"My car made its way down to Mississippi many times during that year," Dan recalled.

Mary Eleanor confessed that when she entered seminary, she said she would never marry a preacher. "That was dumb because that's all there was at the seminary."

"Everything logical said we should not marry," she continued. "The Foreign Mission Board wouldn't appoint us as missionaries (because we were a mixed couple). A teacher of mine said, 'Everywhere you go you will hold him back.' But I felt a calling. I felt Dan had a great ministry ahead of him."

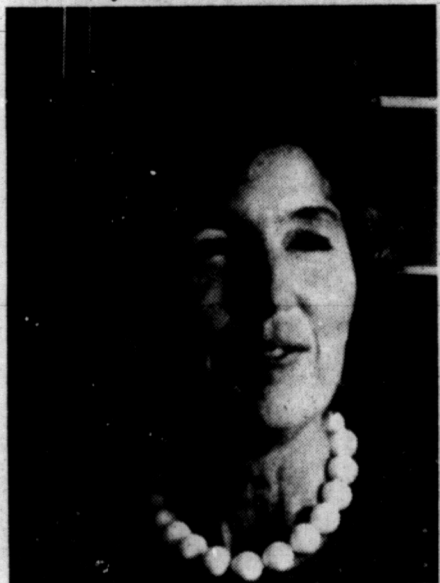


Dan Kong
... first "local" director

"When he moved to Hawaii, it took me a year to clear the fog out of my head," laughed Mary Eleanor, who had four daughters at the rate of about one per year.

She remembered a neighbor sending a plate of sushi (raw fish wrapped in seaweed) to welcome her to the islands. She looked at it and thought, "God, what have I done to deserve this? Will I ever survive?" I was just a girl from Mississippi who couldn't pronounce King Kamehameha!

Despite the differences in their (Continued on page 14)



Mary Eleanor Kong
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Wave of volunteers hammers Honduras

Nearly 100 Mississippi Baptist volunteers have been involved in church construction and medical projects in Honduras during January, February and March, 1985.

Armed with hammers, trowels, saws and other construction tools five separate teams from Pearl River, Jones, Carroll and Montgomery Associations travelled to this Central American country to assist in the construction of one new church building in San Pedro Sula and two class room units in El Progreso and Tela. They responded to invitations extended by the Honduras Mission through the Volunteer Recruitment section of the Foreign Mission Board. They formed part of a wave of approximately 500 volunteers from across the SBC who assisted in at least seven church building and other volunteer projects here already this year.

Five teams from Carroll, Montgomery, Pearl River, Jones, travel to Central America.

Three teams composed of approximately 15 persons each from churches in the Jones County Baptist Association and surrounding area travelled to San Pedro Sula in three consecutive weeks to assist Southern Baptist Missionary Tom Canady in a building project coordinated by Marvin Gavin of Laurel. The group helped construct a chapel and classrooms for a new church information (mission church) in El Carmen, a housing development on the northern edge of San Pedro Sula. Gavin has led several construction teams to Honduras in recent years to assist missionaries related to Southern Baptist Foreign Mission efforts in Honduras.

Canady, who serves as urban missionary in San Pedro Sula, also teaches part time in the Honduras Baptist Theological Seminary in Tegucigalpa. He has been successful in securing strategic properties in new developments surrounding Honduras' second largest city and most

important industrial center. At present there are six churches in San Pedro Sula cooperating with the Honduras Baptist Convention. Together these sponsor a similar number of efforts to plant new churches in the surrounding urban area. El Carmen is one of these.

The new ministry in El Carmen began with a Vacation Bible School in January with 125 enrolled. Sunday School and preaching services were begun on the heels of the successful VBS effort. Until the new church building is finished, services are held in what once served as a pool hall. Eli Gonzalez, a seminary student from the sponsoring Fourth Baptist Church in San Pedro Sula serves as pastor of this new church effort.

In mid-February, 13 persons from Carroll and Montgomery Associations, led by Director of Missions Nolan Houston, cooperated with Stanley Stamps in a classroom construction project at Berea Baptist mission church at Colonia Berlin, near El Progreso. This project was initiated a year before when a group from Meridian and Lauderdale Association helped construct the first unit chapel.

Work was temporarily suspended due to insufficient funds and lack of leadership. Late in 1984, Bethany Church, which sponsors the new church effort in Colonia Berlin, secured the assistance of a seminary student, Virgilio Velasquez, who now is at the front of the new mission effort. A VBS in January enrolled 175 children and Sunday School attendance has averaged over 100 since then. Night services will be initiated once the construction is completed and electricity is connected.

In addition to constructing the classrooms, team members also built 45 benches and two pulpits for use in Berea and three other missions sponsored by Bethany Church. They also built a tin shelter over the outdoor cooking area of a neighbor of the new church. Dona Elvia accepted Jesus as Savior on Sunday while some of the group were present.

Mississippians, Stanley and Glenna Stamps, are field evangelists for the foreign mission board in Honduras.



Volunteers wield trowels under the Honduran sun.

Medical brigade joins builders

While South Mississippi shivered in below freezing weather, January 13-20, 34 persons from Mississippi enjoyed the warm, balmy climate of Honduras' tropical north coast. Although the setting was a favorite tourist attraction, it was more than a vacation for the persons who made up the volunteer group who cooperated with Southern Baptist missionaries in a combined medical brigade and church construction project at Tela.

Carl Myers, associational Brotherhood director for Pearl River County Baptist association, was in charge of planning and coordinating the effort sponsored by that organization. Southern Baptist missionaries Stanley and Glenna Stamps and Frances Crawford were responsible for direction in the host country.

During the week long project 14 men worked alongside Honduras builders in constructing the lower floor of an educational building for the Antioch Baptist church in Tela, where the Stamps have been serving as church planters during the past year and half. This unit is the second to be built for the new church begun in

June, 1983 by the Stamps. Funds for the construction materials were provided by churches in the Pearl River association and the local church in Tela.

Beside the 14 builders, 17 persons formed a medical brigade which conducted outpatient clinics in a schoolhouse on the edge of the city of Tela and in a regional health center about 10 miles outside the city. William E. Stringer, Poplarville physician, headed up the medical arm of the project. Also participating were Bill Boteler, Jackson dentist; Randy Hathon, dentist from Bassfield; and Ronald Mozingo, optometrist from Poplarville; and several other medical auxiliary personnel.

During the week, the group cared for at least 1,083 patients in general medicine, 420 persons for eye examinations, and 343 persons for tooth extractions for a total of 929 extractions. Thirty persons professed faith in Jesus as Savior as a result of personal witnessing led by Jack Gregory and J. D. Batson of First Baptist Church, Poplarville.

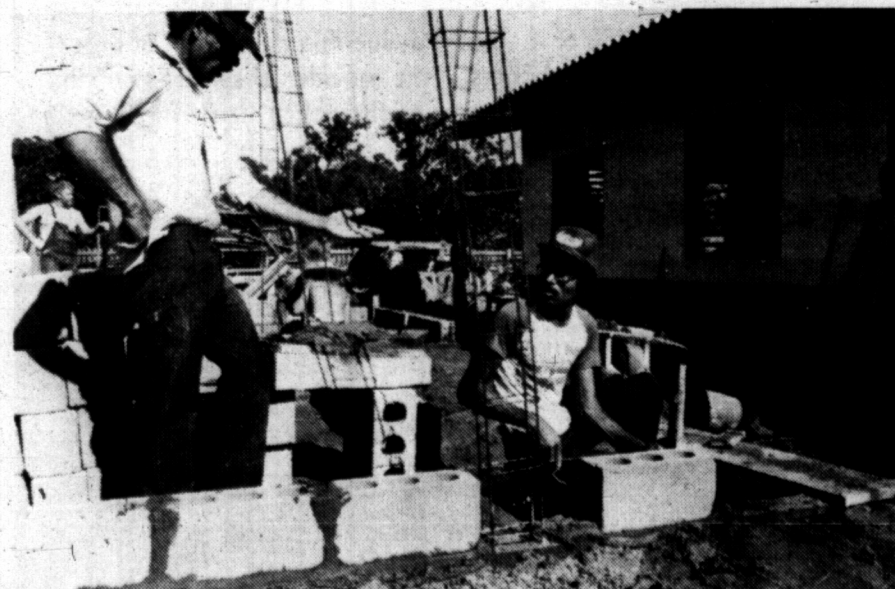
A good spirit of fellowship and

cooperation characterized the entire project. Plans are already being laid to return early in 1986 for a similar project.

One participant testified in a closing fellowship supper that before being a part of this volunteer project he had not been very mission minded, but as a result he had become a changed person and returned home with a new vision and concern for missions.

Those composing the volunteer group were: J. D. Batson, Joe and Sherrie Newton, Bobby Strahan, Ann Pritchett, Sonny Stewart, Allen Williams, Richard Murphy, Randy Carver, The Willie Stringers, Carl Myers, Reta Ladner, Samuel Warner, James M. Carlisle, Linda Mitchell, David and Nancy Johnson, Ronald Mozingo, Bob Applewhite, Jack Gregory, Sharon Wertz, David and Rhonda Smith, Buddy Moody, Ronnie Smith, all of Poplarville; Porter Soley and Rocky Dale of Lumberton; Thomas Van Ness of Picayune; Bernice Calvert and Bill Boteler of Jackson; and Elvis Myers of Bush, La.

Stories by Missionary Stanley Stamps



Mississippians build alongside Hondurans.



Bill Boteler conducts outpatient clinic.



Hundreds receive medicine.

Faces And Places

by anne washburn mcwilliams

Joan Tyler, second vice president

Joan Tyler of Collins is the first woman ever elected to one of the top offices of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Last November, messengers to the state convention voted her in as second vice president. She didn't campaign for the place. In fact, she didn't even know she'd been selected until her sister read it to her from the newspaper next day. Last year she was chairman of the state Baptists' Constitution and By-Laws Committee. Her poise and competence in presenting that report, I feel sure, contributed to the choice.

I've seen her most often in WMU meetings. For five years she was vice-president of state WMU. Always she introduced the parents of missionaries during the WMU conventions. Then I saw her breaking ground for the new all-purpose building at Garaywa — as chairman of the Building Committee. She was on the WMU Board for a six-year term and a five-year term. She is now the Covington-Jeff Davis associational WMU director.

In fact, Joan Tyler has become a regular Board person. Not bored. Board. She and the late Mrs. Vernon May were the first two women to be elected to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Joan recalls, "At first, a speaker would get up and say, 'Gentlemen,' and then he'd remember to add 'and ladies.'"

She has been a member of the SBC Committee on Boards and of the SBC Resolutions Committee. "The latter was educational!" she noted.

Also she is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center. That's not surprising. Her husband, Charles Tyler, is a doctor, in family practice at Covington County Hospital.

"How did this happen, that you have gotten involved in so many boards?" I asked.

The answer is not simple, but she summed it up with this: "I committed my life to do whatever the Lord wants me to do. When I feel he wants me to do something, I try not to say 'No.'"

Her reason for accepting the role of second vice president, she said, was not to prove a point. "If I had thought my election controversial or divisive, I would not have accepted the office." She said she is glad to be representing women, but her main purpose is to serve where and when needed.

One warm winter day I visited Joan's house in a pine wood at Collins. I found her as charming at home as she is on the platform. Her black cat, Cleo, was waiting for me in the driveway, hoping I'd let her in.

Joan was wearing a lavender suit with a purple blouse, a color that looked well with her blonde hair and green eyes. The blue of the living room chairs matched the blue of the plush carpet. Needlework, pictures, and statuary revealed her interest in birds.

As I questioned, she went a bit deeper into why she is a Board person.

"I did not come from a Baptist background," she explained. "I was born in New Orleans." Her parents, the Roehls, belonged to the Episcopal church. (Her mother was born in London. Her father was of German descent.) "But we were not a church-going family."

A friend invited Joan to go with her to First Baptist Church, New Orleans. It was there, at age 15, she made a profession of faith and was baptized. "Dr. J. D. Grey had a big influence on my life. So did Mrs. Henry Love, a young people's leader who helped to give me confidence in myself."

(Her only sister, a widow, Frances Cronlund, and Joan are co-owners of a gift and antique shop, The Oaks, in an elegant old house on the main street of Collins. Later in the morning, I stopped to meet Frances and found that she and Joan look a lot alike.)

Joan majored in psychology at Newcomb College. While she was working at the LSU Med School, and Charles Tyler was a medical student at Tulane, they met at First Baptist Church, N.O.

Her husband, from Picayune, is a nephew of the late Wilfred Tyler, who was a president of Blue Mountain College. "He is supportive of all my activities," she told me.

Both her children are married and both live in Collins. Her son, Ken, is an engineer for Fontaine's. Her daughter, Ellen Speed, is a student at Jones Junior College.

"I try to save Thursdays for Charles," she said, "for that is the day he most often takes off from work." They moved to Collins 26 years ago, following his stint in the Air Force.

"The Collins Church has given me plenty of opportunities to learn," she said. "If you don't do anything on the local level, then these other things would not be very meaningful." She is young adult Sunday School teacher; Baptist Women president, and what she calls a "faithful" choir member.

Always, since she became a Christian, she has felt a deep interest in missions, and says, "WMU is a way a woman can fulfill her role as a missionary. Once I heard a missionary speaker say, 'Being part of a mission organization is not an option. It is a responsibility, for every Christian woman.' I told that missionary to repeat this every time she made a speech!"

During college years she worked part time at Bowen Center in New Orleans, and taught in Vacation Bible Schools at Rachel Sims Mission and in the French Quarter.

That Yogurt Spice Coffeecake she served me was so good I found myself asking for the recipe (not that I could ever hope to copy her version.) She said she got the recipe from Eloise Oakley in Fairfield, Calif., when she went there on a volunteer mission trip to teach WMU leadership skills.

At USM, she took graduate courses in social work. Her favorite method of personal ministry is in literacy work.



Joan Tyler, second vice president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, collects Wedgwood jasperware. The pitcher she holds once belonged to her Grandmother Roehl.

She has tutored a Vietnamese woman, and a black woman, custodian at her church. "I'd like to do more of this," she said. "I think there is a danger when we are involved in meetings and administrative matters very much that we will neglect the most important matters of personal ministry and witnessing. This is a problem for me to keep my priorities straight, and my goal is to use my time more than I do for those activities."

For relaxation, she walks 2½ miles every morning. She and Charles own a condominium at Diamondhead. When they go there, he plays golf, and she walks or swims.

It was of special interest to me that she once was editorial assistant for Miss Robbie Trent at the Baptist Sunday School Board. Of course, I already knew she is a writer, for I've read WMU state missions programs she's written. And I know she collaborated with Ashley McCaleb and Becky Williams on the drama presented at the City Auditorium in Jackson for the Mississippi WMU Centennial in 1978 — and also acted in the drama. Besides that, she and Ashley did a good job at making everybody laugh when they wrote, and acted in, a skit for Waudine Storey and Ethel McKeithen's retirement party at Garaywa.

As Joan reminded me, "For everything, there comes a time." Last fall, the time came to elect a woman as second vice president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. I, for one, approve of the one they picked. "One of my favorite passages," she revealed, "is Psalm 90. It keeps me in perspective, especially verses 12 and 17."

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom . . . And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

Yogurt Spice Coffeecake

1½ c. Bisquick
1/2 c. sugar
2 T. margarine, softened
1 egg
carton-plain yogurt (1 cup)
1 t. vanilla
Heat oven 350 deg. Grease 8 x 8 x 2 pan.

Mix all ingredients — Beat vigorously one minute. Spread in pan — Sprinkle with Streusel.

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Letters to the Editor

Get on with the task

Editor:

I appreciate the guest opinion, "Paul had the Answer," by Allen O. Webb in the Feb. 28, issue of the Baptist Record.

I believe this article finds the very heart of the present dissension within the Southern Baptist Convention and provides the solution. If we "know Jesus Christ and him crucified," we will practice the commandment of Jesus (in John 13:34-35) . . . That ye love one another; as I have loved you . . ., furthermore, we will promote unity and harmony in the fellowship, beginning in the local church, through the association, all the way through the convention.

It is my opinion that above 90 percent of our 14 million Southern Baptist would like to get on with the task at hand; the "go ye therefore," of the Great Commission (Mt. 28:19-20), and the precepts of the "Bold Mission Thrust" adopted as a goal by our own Southern Baptist Convention, and lay to rest this power struggle between a few leaders. The controversy is based more on the desire for powerful leadership positions within the convention than upon inspiration of Scripture, Biblical authority, or even inerrancy of the original manuscripts. Therefore, let us who do the work get on with the job at hand; preaching, teaching, baptizing, and ministering to the desperate needs of people lost and dying in this sin cursed world.

While preachers fuss and bicker with each other, people who are lost die and go to hell (hell is a real place, our Lord said so), and Satan sits on the realm of eternity and laughs at us.

Brethren, we need the Cooperative Program, we need the various boards of the convention, we need our seminaries and colleges, and we need each other; for the work before us is great.

Lord, unite this Southern Baptist Convention again in the bonds of your love and anoint us afresh with thy power, presence, and Spirit, for the task set before us.

Paul R. Jordan, pastor
Mount Zion Baptist Church
Walnut Grove

Volunteers' information lost

I'm trying to locate Bill and Sue Woods, retired from the USAF. We knew them in Turkey. They saw Jim and Jean Leeper, SBC Foreign Missionaries, over the Christmas holidays and expressed a desire to work in pioneer missions.

I have lost their address and could never find their phone number. I have the possibility of a middle management position in a local company for Bill. I need to hear from them soon.

They may write me at Post Office Box 827, Goshen, IN 46526 or call me at (219) 875-8805. I'd love to hear from them."

J. Stuart Cundiff, pastor
Maple City Baptist Church

Information on Shiloh

Editor:

Shiloh Church in Marion County will be celebrating its 100th year in the fall of this year.

We need information from anyone that may have pictures, documents, or any thing that would be of help to us.

Names of or information from former pastors, families of former pastors, or a family member that may have lived in the Shiloh community or may have been a member of the church will be helpful.

Please contact me with any information—

Helen Jones
Route 3, Box 203
Foxworth, MS 39483

Book Reviews

HOW TO READ PROPHECY, by Joel B. Green; Inter-Varsity Press, c1984; 154 pages; paperback, \$5.95.

In this excellent survey of a controversial subject, Joel Green exposes the shallowness and sensationalism of so much "pop-prophecy." After a brief survey of approaches to prophecy the author forthrightly deals with the problems in the interpretation of prophecy, prophecy as a literary genre, the nature of biblical symbolism, Jesus in prophecy, and the Kingdom of God. All along Green gives examples of faulty views which fail to take into account the principles of interpretation which, he says, ought to be applied to the study of prophecy.

The strength of the book is that it not only criticizes faulty systems, but it also elucidates principles which must be employed in prophecy is to be presented with unity, integrity, and clarity. The approach is anti-dispensational and treats this system as an aberration. What a good church training study this would be.—Reviewed by Alan Day, pastor, First Church, McComb.

QUEEN OF HEARTS, by Jill Briscoe; Fleming H. Revell Company, c1984; 189 pages; hardback, \$8.95.

Jill Briscoe, wife of pastor/author Stuart Briscoe, has given us a very warm and personal account of what a godly woman ought to be. Basing her thoughts on Proverbs 31, she addresses the gamut of issues that Christian women face today, including relating to a husband, problems of mothering and working, finances and stewardship, and worship. The author does not paint an ideal picture of a "bionic Christian woman," but with frank realism she shares her own failings and successes in an encouraging manner. Each chapter concludes with questions that home in on the main chapter ideas and, also, with some suggestions for personal growth.—Reviewed by Alan Day.

WMU State Mission Week of Prayer Offering Reaches \$461,627.28

The gifts to State Missions Week of Prayer (Margaret Lackey) are listed as received from September 1, 1984 through February 28, 1985 with 993 churches participating. At that time total gifts amounted to \$461,627.28

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N CARROLLTON	526.05	BIG LEVEL	231.55	FBC ROSE HILL	125.00	WANILLA	250.00		6,788.94
PROVIDENCE	60.00	BIG RIDGE	304.60	FBC SHADY GROVE	347.00	LEAKE		MARSHALL	
VAIDEN	741.75	BROADMOOR	12.00	FELLOWSHIP	250.00	CORINTH	175.00	CAREY CHAPEL	633.96
VALLEY HILL	120.00	COMMISSION ROAD	50.00	HEIDELBERG	275.00	EMMANUEL	213.60	FBC BYHALIA	221.40
	2,255.22	EAST HOWARD	228.00	LAKE COMO	538.00	FBC CARTHAGE	505.50	FBC HOLLY SPGS	1,058.16
CHICKASAW		EMMANUEL	40.25	LOVIN	206.00	FREENY	78.20	FBC POTTS CAMP	334.48
BETHEL	228.40	FAITHVIEW	220.00	NEW CONCORD	400.00	GOOD HOPE	50.00	RED BANKS	852.31
FBC HOUKKA	563.00	FBC BAY ST LOUIS	168.10	NEW FELLOWSHIP	206.68	LENA	362.00	SLAYDEN	3,189.16
FBC HOUSTON	632.71	FBC BILOXI	1,503.84	UNION SEMINARY	243.00	MADDEN	400.00		
FBC OKOLONA	171.00	FBC GULFPORT	5,652.00	JEFF-DAVIS		MOUNT ZION	100.00	MISSISSIPPI	
PLEASANT RIDGE	304.00	FBC LONG BEACH	284.22	ANTIOCH	202.00	NEW HOPE	61.00	CENTERVILLE	193.00
SHILOH	190.50	FBC LYMAN	70.00	BASSFIELD	319.00	NEW ZION	76.75	CROSBY	175.00
	2,089.61	FBC WIGGINS	465.00	BETHANY	306.00	PLEASANT HILL	103.00	E FORK	500.00
CHOCTAW		FERWOOD	77.00	EBENEZER	185.00	ROCKY POINT	126.00	ENTERPRISE	181.00
ACKERMAN	574.00	GULFPORT HGTS	50.00	OAK GROVE	405.00	SALEM	48.00	FBC GALILEE	910.00
CHESTER	300.00	HANDSBORO	300.26	PHALTI	75.00	SUNRISE	450.00	GILLSBURG	615.00
CONCORD	67.00	NEW HOPE	308.00	PRENTISS	1,427.75	THOMASTOWN	101.00	GLADING	174.41
FELLOWSHIP	153.72	OLIVET	110.00	WHITE SAND	3,783.75	TRINITY	209.00	HEBRON	272.00
FRENCH CAMP	155.76	PERKINSTON	243.55	JONES		TUSCOLA	180.00	LIBERTY	1,636.04
MT MORIAH	135.00	PINE VIEW	355.20	CENTERVILLE	40.00	WALNUT GROVE	340.00	MARS HILL	300.40
MT PISGAH	153.25	PRIM IGL BAU MSN	146.00	EASTVIEW	455.00	WIGGINS	81.00	MT OLIVE	534.00
NEW HAVEN	100.00	SHARON	101.55	EMMANUEL	298.00		3,660.05	MT PLEASANT	200.00
NEW ZION	30.80	W GULFPORT	12,249.57	FAIRFIELD	70.91	LEBANON		MT VERNON	618.00
WEIR	169.00	HINDS-MADISON		FBC ELLISVILLE	7,272.00	EASTABUCHIE	158.16	NEW ZION	182.15
	1,838.53	ALTA WOODS	173.40	FBC LAUREL	3,285.06	FBC GLENDALE	344.00	OAK GROVE	78.50
CLARKE		BAPT FOUNDATION	1,389.34	FBC OVERT	78.00	FBC HATTIESBURG	3,075.00	PIONEER	475.00
CENTER RIDGE	135.00	BETHESDA	247.12	FBC SHARON	420.00	FBC MCCLARIN	310.00	THOMPSON	82.00
DE SOTO	160.00	BRIARWOOD DR	813.00	FREEDOM	200.00	FBC PETAL	166.00	WOODVILLE	989.00
ELIM	271.00	BROADMOOR	9,072.14	GLADE	385.55	GRACE CHAPEL	200.00		8,115.50
ENTERPRISE	238.00	BYRAM	438.00	GRACE	120.00	GREENS CREEK	162.93	MONROE	
FBC QUITMAN	2,195.00	CALVARY JACKSON	625.00	HARMONY	341.00	MACEDONIA	68.00	ATHENS	400.00
FBC STONEWALL	58.75	CAMDEN	25.00	HOUSTON ROAD	312.44	MAIN STREET	1,040.00	CENTER HILL	189.00
MONT ROSE	203.50	CENTER TERRACE	267.00	INDIAN SPRINGS	192.00	MAYBANKS	217.00	CENTRAL GROVE	151.00
OAK GROVE	148.91	CHERRY PARK	50.00	MAGNOLIA	300.00	NINETEENTH AVE	227.00	FBC ABERDEEN	1,436.00
PACHUTA	281.20	COLONIAL HEIGHTS	3,325.36	MOSELLE MEM	90.00	NORTH 31ST AVE	12.50	FBC AMORY	994.76
PINE GROVE	151.00	DANIEL MEM	1,400.90	OAKLAND GROVE	375.50	PETAL HARVEY	1,694.25	FRIENDSHIP	121.00
PINE HILL	184.00	EDWARDS	145.00	PLAINWAY	68.39	PINEVIEW	3		

FBC WINONA	2,504.00	CRENSHAW	550.00	CLEARY	1,014.95	FBC INVERNESS	331.00	WOODLAWN	394.01
KILMICHAEL	220.00	FBC BATESVILLE	2,457.05	COUNTY LINE	201.55	LINN	110.00		5,787.95
NORTH WINONA	386.10	FBC SARDIS	930.00	CROSS ROADS	377.00	MOORHEAD	70.00	WASHINGTON	
PINE FOREST	130.00	FIRST FAITH	100.00	CROSSGATES	16.60	ROME	100.00	ARCOLA	185.00
SHILOH	40.00	GOOD HOPE	180.00	DAY STAR	205.00	ROUNDWAY	123.00	CALVARY	466.70
TRI-COUNTY	25.00	HEBRON	128.00	DRY CREEK	100.00	RULEVILLE	871.00	CHINESE MSN	50.00
UNITY	72.00	LIBERTY HILL	182.00	EASTSIDE PEARL	300.00	SEC INDIANOLA	251.60	DARLOVE	208.00
	3,563.32	LOCKE STATION	145.00	FBC BRANDON	1,821.00	SUNFLOWER	175.00	EMMANUEL	87.00
NESHOBA		PEACH CREEK	403.14	FBC FLORENCE	824.00		3,210.40	FBC GREENVILLE	2,504.23
ANTIOCH	84.00	POPE	258.30	FBC FLOWOOD	507.29	TALLAHATCHIE		FBC LELAND	1,263.40
BEACON ST	412.00		6,048.49	FBC PEARL	628.00	CORINTH	545.00	HOLLANDALE	379.00
BEAT LINE	170.00	PEARL RIVER		FBC RICHLAND	469.05	FBC CHARLESTON	1,112.00	PARKVIEW GREENVI	204.37
COLDWATER	20.00	BETHEL	551.00	LAKE HARBOR	211.14	FBC SUMNER	482.00	SEC GREENVILLE	147.00
E PHILADELPHIA	293.50	CENTRAL	30.00	LIBERTY	50.00	MT PISGAH	16.68	SOUTHSIDE	518.30
FBC PHILADELPHIA	1,232.10	FBC CARRIERE	45.00	MCLAURIN HEIGHTS	58.00	PAYNES	113.75	SWIFTWATER	49.00
GRACE	363.00	FBC NICHOLSON	153.00	MEADOW GROVE	370.00	SPRING HILL	150.00		6,061.00
HIGH HILL	272.00	FBC PICAYUNE	970.17	MOUNTAIN CREEK	235.65	WEBB	467.26	WAYNE	
HOPE	170.00	FBC POPLARVILLE	1,350.00	MT PISGAH	155.00		2,886.59	CALVARY	318.00
LAUREL HILL	65.00	GOODYEAR	167.45	MT ZION	60.91	TIPPAH		CLEAR CREEK	402.80
LINWOOD	296.00	HARMONY	180.00	DAKDALE	373.00	ACADEMY	140.00	COUNTY LINE	160.00
NESHOBA	437.00	NEW PALESTINE	564.15	PAUL TRUITT MEM	865.50	CHALYBEATE	158.50	EVERGREEN	71.00
NEW BETHEL	90.00	OLIVE	50.00	PELAHATCHIE	674.00	CONCORD	367.79	FAITH CHAPEL	325.00
OAK GROVE	500.00	ROSELAND PARK	307.00	PINELAKE	414.00	FALKNER	1,281.25	FBC BUCKATUNNA	196.51
OLD PEARL VALLEY	112.00	SPRING HILL	300.00	PUCKETT	579.25	FBC RIPLEY	2,293.73	FBC CLARA	360.00
PINE GROVE	328.00	STEEP HOLLOW	41.57	REHOBETH	225.00	FELLOWSHIP	400.00	FBC STATE LINE	601.08
SALEM	168.00	UNION	579.00	ROBINHOOD	24.58	HARMONY	774.30	FBC WAYNESBORO	1,603.38
SAND HILL	79.00	WHITE SAND	310.23	ROCK HILL	126.00	LOWREY MEMORIAL	827.31	MT ZION	674.48
SPRING CREEK	428.00		5,598.57	STAR	395.20	OAKLAND	446.29	PLEASANT GROVE	420.00
TRINITY	55.00			SUNSHINE	225.00	PALMER	200.00	STRENGTHFORD	300.00
	5,574.60	PERRY		TRINITY	5.00	PROVIDENCE	310.50	TRINITY	49.40
NEW CHOCTAW		ARLINGTON	60.00	UNION	115.00	SPRINGDALE	259.95	W SHADY GROVE	30.70
CANAAN	29.70	FBC BEAUMONT	158.53		12,702.43	TURNERS CHAPEL	99.00	WATER OAK	200.00
CORINTH	45.75	FBC RICHTON	556.00	RIVERSIDE		WALNUT	82.85	WINSTON	
HOPEWELL	30.00	FBC RUMBLESTOWN	74.76	CHERRY STREET	120.00	WEST RIPLEY	456.00	BETHEL	86.57
MACEONIA	75.76	GOOD HOPE	100.00	CLARKSDALE	1,296.47		8,101.96	CALVARY	393.00
MT ZION	73.00		949.29	FBC TUNICA	774.75	TISHOMINGO		CRYSTAL RIDGE	134.75
	254.21	PIKE		LULA	140.00	BELMONT FIRST	335.00	E LOUISVILLE	112.00
NEWTON		BALA CHITTO	168.00	LYON	181.20	GALVARY	175.00	ENON	335.00
BETHEL	250.00	BOGUE CHITTO	165.00	OAKHURST	2,222.31	CENTRAL	762.55	FBC LOUISVILLE	1,637.75
BEULAH	73.00	CALVARY	466.90	RENA LARA	160.00	EASTPORT	84.00	HARMONY	306.00
CHUNKY	588.00	CENTRAL	1,109.10		4,895.03	FBC BURNSVILLE	25.00	LIBERTY	134.74
CLARKE VENABLE	869.01	E MCCOMB	740.00	SCOTT		HIGHLAND	188.00	MACEONIA	106.62
DUFFEE	75.00	EAST UNION	178.45	BETHLEHEM	354.50	NEW PROSPECT	264.00	MARS HILL	85.00
EMMANUEL	20.00	FBC MAGNOLIA	290.00	CALVARY	144.30	OLD UNION	139.00	MURPHY CREEK	430.00
FBC NEWTON	1,047.00	FBC MCCOMB	2,780.24	COOPERVILLE	35.00	PAIDEN	175.00	NOXAPATER	600.00
FBC UNION	1,730.00	FELLOWSHIP	346.00	FBC LAKE	449.03	SHORT CREEK	104.10	POPLAR FLAT	59.00
GOOD HOPE	167.00	FRIENDSHIP	1,300.00	FBC MORTON	686.24	SOUTH CROSS RDS	29.00	SHILOH	61.00
HOPEWELL	200.00	IMMANUEL	35.00	FOREST	1,247.50	SOUTHWOOD	607.85	SOUTH LOUISVILLE	104.00
LAWRENCE	80.00	JOHNSON STATION	255.72	HARPERVILLE	301.09	TISHOMINGO	252.00	UNION RIDGE	233.00
LIBERTY	221.11	LOCUST STREET	193.13	HILLSBORO	180.00	UNITY	90.19		4,917.43
MT NEBO	133.00	NAVILLA	200.00	HOMWOOD	101.00	YELLOW CREEK	100.00	YALOBUSHA	
MT VERNON	98.05	NORTH MCCOMB	30.00	LIBERTY	75.00		3,858.32	BETHEL	593.85
NEW IRELAND	10.00	OSYKA	500.00	OAK GROVE	561.00			FBC COFFEEVILLE	1,025.00
PINCKNEY	11.50	PROGRESS	175.00	SPRINGFIELD	515.00	UNION		FBC WATER VALLEY	321.10
	5,572.67	SILVER CREEK	160.35		4,649.66	FAYETTE	251.50	HOPEWELL	30.00
NORTHWEST		SOUTH MCCOMB	1,030.00	SHARKEY-ISSAQUENA		FBC UNION CHURCH	215.00	OAKLAND	254.00
ARKABUTLA	420.85	TERRY CREEK	323.11	CARY	232.40	HERMANVILLE	110.00	PINE GROVE	110.00
CARRIAGE HILLS	1,154.33	UNITY	121.00	FBC ANGUILLA	285.00	PLEASANT HILL	110.00	TILLATOBA	100.00
COLUMBIAN HILLS	653.09	W MCCOMB	65.00	FBC ROLLING FORK	361.75	PORT GIBSON	200.00	WAYSIDE	203.00
EBENEZER DESOTO	41.00	PONTOTOC		STRAIGHT BAYOU	665.00		885.50		2,541.95
EBENEZER TATE	48.00	ALGOMA	200.00	VALLEY PARK	372.00	UNION COUNTY		YAZOO	
EVANSVILLE	307.39	CHERRY CREEK	105.50		1,916.15	AMAZIAH	534.35	BENTON	310.00
FAIRHAVEN	300.50	ECRU	1,092.73	SIMPSON		CENTER	1,251.39	BENTONIA	321.80
FBC COLDWATER	1,027.00	ENDVILLE	65.00	ANTIOCH	10.00	ELLISTOWN	1,171.60	BETHLEHEM	36.00
FBC EUDORA	1,048.26	FBC PONTOTOC	1,980.82	BEULAH	85.62	FBC NEW ALBANY	2,776.65	BLACK JACK	240.00
FBC HORN LAKE	750.99	FRIENDSHIP	65.00	BRAXTON	100.00	FREDONIA	315.30	CALVARY	197.35
FBC NESBIT	562.45	FURRS	400.00	COAT	148.05	HARMONY	2,099.28	CENTER RIDGE	505.35
FBC OLIVE BRANCH	601.16	GREEN VALLEY MSN	26.76	CORINTH	145.00	HILLCREST	279.75	CONCORD	133.00
FBC SENATOBIA	383.52	HARMONY	449.75	D LO	52.00	INGOMAR	498.00	EDEN	82.00
FLAG LAKE	453.16	IMMANUEL	152.00	DRY CREEK	112.43	JERICHO	1,275.70	FBC SATARTIA	95.00
GRAYS CREEK	179.11	LIBERTY	520.00	EASTSIDE	142.00	MACEONIA	700.00	FBC YAZOO CITY	2,723.95
HIGHLAND	1,225.50	MIDWAY	115.00	FBC WAGEE	1,295.00	MARTIN	368.89	HEBRON	361.00
IMMANUEL	82.00	OAK HILL	500.00	GOODWATER	441.25	MYRTLE	586.00	HOLLY BLUFF	113.44
MEADOW BROOK	65.23	TOXISH	121.00	HARRISVILLE	327.00	NORTHSIDE	207.15	MELROSE	55.00
MINERAL WELLS	313.00	WOODLAND	316.00	HOLLY GROVE	225.00	PLEASANT HILL	359.37	ODGEN	293.66
MT ZION DESOTO	87.00	ZION	152.00	MAIN STREET	94.00	PLEASANT RIDGE	400.00	OIL CITY	45.00
MT ZION TATE	940.16		6,357.56	MT ZION	339.00	WALLERVILLE	370.00	ROCKY SPRINGS	185.00
NEW PROSPECT	362.00	PRENTISS		NEW ZION	25.00		13,193.62	SOUTHSIDE	114.61
PARKWAY	110.25	CRESTWOOD	539.49	OAK GROVE	275.00	WALTHALL		TINSLEY	154.00
STRAYHORN	200.00	E BOONEVILLE	134.00	PINE GROVE	62.00	CALVARY	55.00	WEBSTER	
SUMMER WOOD	478.82	FBC BOONEVILLE	1,201.72	PINOLA	193.00	CRYSTAL SPRINGS	645.00	CLARKSON	125.00
TWIN LAKES	215.25	GASTON	370.00	POPLAR SPRINGS	375.00	DINAN	160.00	CUMBERLAND	131.00
TYRO	45.00	INGRAM	122.00	STRONG RIVER	100.00	ENON	252.79	FBC EUPORA	1,227.30
WYATTE	80.36	OSBORNE CREEK	71.91		4,556.35	KNOX	295.35	FBC MATHISTON	1,002.08
	12,135.38	PINEY GROVE	128.00	SMITH		LEXIE	302.92	FELLOWSHIP	246.00
NOXUBEE		TUSCUMBIA	188.00	FBC POLKVILLE	337.00	MAGEES CREEK	74.84	LOLLARS GROVE	134.64
BROOKSVILLE	564.28	WHEELER	3,025.12	FBC RALEIGH	618.00	MESA	505.00	MANTEE	1,582.93
CONCORD	90.00	QUITMAN		FBC TAYLORSVILLE	877.50	NEW ZION	164.50	MT VERNON	71.00
FBC MACON	977.00	BELEN	115.00	MT PLEASANT	36.00	SALEM	86.00	NEW HOPE	700.00
MASHULAVILLE	81.75	CROWDER	1,895.00	MT ZION	70.00	TYLERTOWN	1,733.25	UNION	175.00
	1,713.03	DARLING	216.00	SARDIS	64.00		4,400.65		5,395.15
OKTIBBEHA		FBC LAMBERT	573.00	SHADY GROVE	137.00	WARREN		UNAFFILIATED	
ADATON	133.87	FBC MARKS	1,957.45	SYLVARENA	814.50	BOWMAR AVE.	295.30	OCOBLA 583	105.00
CENTER GROVE	102.00	FBC SLEDGE	4,975.45	UNION	107.00	FBC VICKSBURG	3,210.42		105.00
FBC MABEN	381.50			WHITE OAK	540.22	GRACE	310.00	MISC. DESIG.	
FBC STARKVILLE	314.25	RANKIN		ZION	145.03	HIGHLAND	525.00	MISC. DESIGNAT.	200.00
LONGVIEW	15.00	BAREFOOT SPRINGS	118.76		3,746.25	IMMANUEL	315.12		200.00
MEADOWVIEW	103.00	BETHEL	83.00	SUNFLOWER		NORTHSIDE	70.00		
MORGAN CHAPEL	137.00	BRIAR HILL	499.00	DREW	358.00	TRINITY	248.00		
STURGIS	1,071.49	CASTLEWOODS	300.00	EASTWOOD	83.50	WAYSIDE	419.00		
	2,258.11	CATO	75.00	FAIRVIEW	155.00				
PANOLA				FBC INDIANOLA	582.30				461,627.28
COMO	715.00								

Missionary News

Elaine and Jerald W. Perrill, missionaries to Thailand, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 100 Georgia Ave., Hattiesburg, Miss. 39401.) He was born in Ellsworth, Kan., and grew up in Boulder, Colo. She is the former Elaine Fortenberry of Monticello, Miss.

Ronald and Sue Ballard, missionaries to Paraguay since 1976, resigned from missionary service Jan. 6, by action of the Foreign Mission Board at its February meeting.

They served in Asuncion, Paraguay, where he was a hospital chaplain, and she was a church and home worker. He was born in East St. Louis, Ill., and grew up principally in Meridian, Miss. The former Sue Wilson, she was born in DeWitt, Ark., and grew up there and in DeFuniak Springs, Fla. They may be addressed at 210 Oak Hill Dr., Carthage, Miss. 39051.

Marcia and Roy McKay, missionaries to the Philippines, report a change of address (Mercedes Village,

Tuguegarao, Cagayan, Philippines 1101). A Texan, he was born in Levelland. She is the former Marcia Parrish of Starkville.

Emogene Harris, missionary to Nigeria, has completed furlough and returned to the field (address: P. O. Box 610, Enugu, Nigeria). She is a native of Johns, Miss.

If I take care of my character, my reputation will take care of itself. — Dwight L. Moody

Covington, Jeff Davis call Stringer as missions director

Covington/Jeff Davis Association has called Kenneth Stringer as director of missions.

Stringer is a native of Marion County. He is married to the former Mary Mooney, and they have two daughters. Stringer received a B.S. degree from Mississippi College, B.D. from New Orleans Seminary and doctor of ministry degree from Luther Rice Seminary.

He has served as pastor of West Marriro, La.; Evergreen, Shubuta, and First, New Augusta in Mississip-

pi; and as pastor of Wesson Church, since 1971. He also was teaching Bible at the Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, as well as serving as BSU advisor there.

He has been a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, as well as a member of the Committee on Camps and Assemblies.

He has made several mission preaching tours in south Louisiana and served as the pastor of a mission church in Pascagoula.

Seen any bold missions lately?

Attala has partner in California

By W. Levon Moore

Several months ago, the National Wildlife Federation ran a television commercial designed to make Americans aware of the importance of preserving one of our greatest natural resources. I was intrigued by a little boy who wistfully asked, "Seen any wild life lately?"

I ask you the question, "Seen any bold missions lately?"

When I first began to look at a map of California, I saw several dots which appeared to be only dots. Closer study indicated that these dots represented names. There were names like Riverside, Pomona, San Bernardino, Los Seranos, Chino, Upland, Montclair, Claremont, Diamond Bar, Laverne, San Dimas, Moreno, and Rancho Cucamonga. As I flew over the area represented by these names, I observed that indeed they were more than dots on the map.

These cities of varying sizes are located shoulder to shoulder in the fertile San Gabriel Valley of California, and comprise a metropolitan area approximately 50 miles wide and 140 miles long. Snow-covered Mt. Baldy, prince of the peaks in this area of the San Gabriel range, stands over 10,000 feet above the valley in which approximately 2½ million Californians live.

Just a few decades ago, these were small, sleepy towns surrounded by thousands of acres of dairy farms, vineyards and citrus groves. Now, most of the farmland and citrus groves have been converted into freeways, shopping centers, and housing developments. At one time, these towns were rather remote from bustling Los Angeles to the northwest, but now they all form a continuous extension of the huge metropolitan area of Los Angeles.

This is the area served by the Calvary-Arrowhead Baptist Association, whose director of missions for over 25 years has been Earl Crawford.

The 80 churches and 20 missions of this association are trying to reach this vast number of 2½ million for Christ. This one association has as many people as the entire state of Mississippi, but Mississippi has almost 20 times as many Southern Baptist churches. The ratio of Southern Baptist churches to population in that association is one church for every 20,000 - 25,000 people. It is estimated that from 90-95 percent of these 2½ million have no church affiliation whatever.

For some time, the Attala Baptist Association, through our Bold Missions Fellowship Fund, has been sending monthly contributions to the work of the Calvary-Arrowhead Association. For the past few months, the money has been going to assist a new work in Chino. At the invitation of Earl Crawford, and the Chino Hills Baptist Church, I had the privilege of preaching in the first revival held in Chino Hills Church.

Howard Davis, native of California, and long-time church-planter and pastor in that area, had resigned the 1600-member White Avenue Baptist Church in Pomona to begin the new work in Chino. The first service was held on Easter, 1984, with 14 present.

A meeting place was found in the Chino Hills Business Park, an office complex, which costs the small group almost \$600 rent per month.

The work grew, and on Sept. 7, 1984, the church was organized with about 35 charter members. When I arrived for revival services the first week in January, 1985, I found an enthusiastic group of almost 70 members, averaging about 50 in Sunday school attendance. The revival services were well attended and resulted in several significant decisions, including many public rededications, a fine couple who joined by letter, and a teen-age girl who made a profession of faith.

A week of special services, visitation in a number of homes, casual surveys of many new housing developments, and consultations with pastors and other Baptist leaders, convinced me that I was witnessing some very intense boldness in Bold Mission Thrust.

Chino, with about 40,000 population, has only one small Southern Baptist Church. Chino Hills is a new development just northwest of Chino. In the Carbon Canyon area, where the Chino Hills Church has bought a large house on a six and one-half acre lot, there are already an estimated 10,000 people. The population of New Chino Hills is expected to reach 100,000 by 1990, and a staggering 250,000 by 2,000 A.D.

As Pastor Davis and I stood on the new church property, he pointed across the road in one direction and said, "On that 1100-acre site, 3400 new homes will be built this year." Then he pointed across the street in another direction and said, "And on that 200

acres, another 430 homes will be built this year." The homes already constructed in this area are in the \$100,000 to \$200,000 range, and are bringing in to the area people of above average educational and economic status. This bodes well for the strength of future churches in that part of the nation.

One of the chief obstacles to church development in that association is the cost of real estate. Chino Hills Church has agreed to pay \$450,000 for their 6½ acres and a house. And they feel fortunate at that, considering that some land in the major developments of the area is selling for from \$100,000 to \$150,000 per acre.

It is almost impossible for a little church of less than 100 members to pay one-half million dollars for land and site preparation and another one-half million for an adequate building. But that is what Chino Hills Baptist Church is committed to do.

My appeal is that churches and associations in the deep south form partnerships with churches and associations in these areas of the United States where Southern Baptist work is just beginning. This could revolutionize Southern Baptist home missions outreach.

The needs in this one area of California can be duplicated in dozens of other areas in the United States. Through a meaningful partnership, churches in the south can go where the action is and be a part of establishing a new frontier of Baptist work. Again, I ask the question, "Seen any bold missions lately?"

Moore is director of missions, Attala

The Baptist Press drama

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Those outlets will judge him and apply the proper correctional methods if any are necessary.

Please, let's not have news evaluations determined by a vote on the floor of an Executive Committee meeting.

Relative to the incident just passed concerning Baptist Press, however, there are two points that need to be clarified. Following the Executive Committee vote, Pressler was quoted in a Nashville paper as saying that Baptist Press is unrepresentative of what 95 percent of Southern Baptists believe. He said this in an interview. No quotes are allowed out of work-group and subcommittee meetings, and Pressler didn't say anything during the Executive Committee meeting except to offer his material for any who wanted to read it.

The fact is that Baptist Press in its news coverage is neither representative nor unrepresentative of Southern Baptists. It is a news agency, and that's all. Its aim is not to present anybody's views but to report facts. That's all that was done in the situation that has been under discussion.

If what was reported was true and done in as responsible a manner as was possible under the circumstances, then nothing more could have been expected.

The second point of clarification is that Pressler said also that what Baptists believe is that the biblical text is without error. And in that statement he is absolutely correct. The Baptist Record has said over and over that the tragedy of the time is that a tenet in which 99 percent of Baptists believe is being used as the focal point of the battle.

Nevertheless, such a position has no effect on Baptist Press reporting. A position on the inerrancy of the scripture has no effect on reporting the facts. What does have a bearing on reporting the facts is the integrity of the reporter, and that has never been questioned as far as the personnel of Baptist Press is concerned.

Ridgecrest needs staff

NASHVILLE — Additional summer staff is needed for the month of August at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center. Persons are needed to work from Aug. 5-24 with the option of staying through Labor Day weekend.

Interested persons can write to George Boswell, Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Box 128, Ridgecrest, N.C., 28770.



Oak Grove Church, Simpson County, honored Pastor and Mrs. Harold Gartman on their 25th wedding anniversary, with a reception on January 13.

Lewis G. Sewell of Jackson has been named assistant administrator at St. Dominic-Jackson Memorial Hospital, according to Josephine Therese, administrator. Sewell earned his doctor of theology degree from New Orleans Seminary and has completed a master of science program in health care administration at the University of Mississippi. He has served in pastoral and administrative positions at Metairie, La., Baptist Church and First Church, Oxford, Miss., and as a dean at Union University in Jackson, Tenn.

Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, on Sunday, March 3, recognized Jan Cossitt on her tenth anniversary as director of activities.

Kathy Vail has been associated with the music ministry of Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, for five years as organist-secretary.

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Names in the News

Ray Strebeck, Gulfport Municipal Separate School District Superintendent, was named William Carey College Alumnus of the Year during Homecoming activities there March 2. He is a member of First, Gulfport.

Strebeck, who received a master's degree from USM and a doctorate from Florida State University, is actively involved in the Mississippi Association of School Administrators, the American Association of School Administrators and the Mississippi Academy of School Executives.

WARSAW, Poland (BP)—Michal Stankiewicz, 61, president of the Baptist Union of Poland, died at home Feb. 21 of an apparent stroke.

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Scooba Church, Kemper Association, in a candlelight service, Feb. 10, ordained as deacons (front row) Ben Dudley, Jeff Terrill, and Marty Boldin. Pastor Wayne Hatcher (far left) delivered the sermon. Active deacons participating in the service were: (back row) J. R. Dudley, report of committee; C. W. Smith; James Barham, challenge to the deacons; Roy Lanier; John Harpole; Pat M. Rogers; Otis Hutcherson, song leader. Not pictured is Kermit Sharp director of missions, Kemper-Neshoba Association, who presented the charge to the church.



Buddy Arrington was ordained as deacon on Feb. 10 at Oak Grove Church, Simpson County. Pictured, left to right, Harold Gartman, Buddy Arrington, Connie Arrington and Clyde Williamson.



The Baptist Women's mission organization of Spring Hill Church, Calhoun City, recently received the Distinguished Award of Recognition from the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union for the past church year. Mrs. Tammie Worsham, left, WMU director, presented the award to Mrs. Jewell Peacock, right, Baptist Women secretary at Spring Hill.



Russ McClelland, left, was licensed to the gospel ministry by the Pelahatchie Church on Dec. 23, 1984. He preached in the morning service, and was presented a certificate of license by the pastor, Barry Corbett, at the close of the service. McClelland is a student at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McClelland of Pelahatchie, and is married to the former Melissa Cordell.



Midway Church, 5609 Clinton Boulevard, Jackson, recently ordained Frank Marquis Jr. to the gospel ministry. Marquis is a student at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky. Presenting the Bible to him is W. Benton Preston, pastor at Midway.



Jeff Terrill, right has received his Certificate of License to proclaim the gospel from Wayne Hatcher, left, pastor of Scooba Church, Kemper Association. Terrill is an assistant football coach at East Mississippi Junior College, is involved in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and is a youth Sunday School teacher. He and his wife, Jan, have one son.

Flora Church groups took part in two Valentine-related activities. On the night of Feb. 10, the men and boys held a "Sweets for the Sweet" cake bake. Proceeds will go to a youth summer mission trip. The young people geared their banquet around the theme, "Love." Tommy and Carol Sparkman from Parkway Church, Jackson, provided the entertainment. Todd Smith and Phoebe Vaughn were crowned king and queen.



The Baptist Student Union of Jones County Junior College has chosen the 1985 Executive Council Members. (Left to right) Lauren Holder, Jones County, publicity; Selena Mangum, Jones County, secretary; Karen Parker, Jones County, mission chairman; Lisa Smith, Perry County, morning watch for first semester; Lisa Davis, Wayne County, puppet chairman; Ethan McCarty, Jasper County, president; Candy Walters, Jones County, noonday chairman; Tania Henderson, Jones County, drama chairman; Richard Gainey, Jones County, Evangelism chairman; Frank Porter, Jones County, outreach chairman. Not pictured—LaVeda Strickland, Jones County, morning watch chairman for second semester.



Harrel Wilcox, minister of music and education, West Ellisville Church, presents a \$100 check to Karen Parker, mission chairman of JCJC BSU, in appreciation of the five students who taught the January Bible study in the children's department at West Ellisville. When the BSU students at JCJC render special services in the churches, the love offering they receive is given to the mission fund of the Baptist Student Union.

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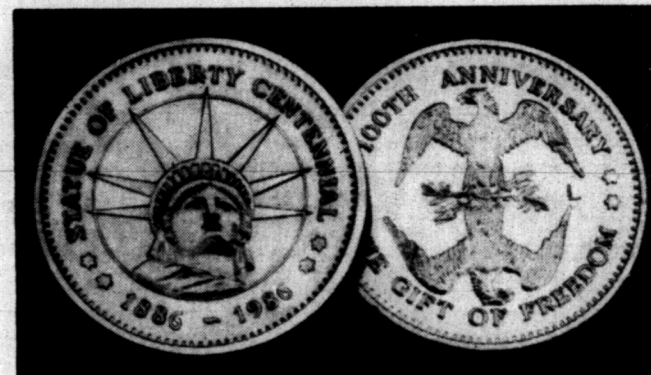
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Ovett honors pastor on 20th year

Marvin Dean's 20th anniversary as pastor of County Line Church near Ovett in Jones Association was the highlight of occurrences at the church on Jan. 27. Harold Phillips, representing the congregation, presented a plaque of appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Dean.



Dean Day was observed on that Sunday; men of the church led in both services, and a men's choir presented special music. Speakers included Delwood Godwin, Gerald Phillips, Charlie Grantham, Harold Phillips, John Powell, Eddy Anderson, and Billy Sanders.

During the afternoon, open house was held at the recently constructed pastor's home.

Golden Triangle dedicates new missions building

The new Golden Triangle missions building was dedicated to God on Sunday, Feb. 17.

The order of service included an expression of welcome by David Hall, chairman of the Golden Triangle Missions Committee who presided, an invocation led by Rudy West, a historical perspective of the building project by J. C. Mitchell, director of missions, and recognitions by Charles Bagwell.

Volunteers constructed the building. The more than 125 people who attended from the churches of Clay, Lowndes and Oktibbeha Associations participated in a responsive reading of dedication and were led in a prayer of dedication by Donald Blasingame of Starkville. A closing prayer was led by Gary Bailey of Columbus, who was the architect for the building project.

The dedication service was followed by a reception provided by the Woman's Missionary Union organizations of Clay, Lowndes and Oktibbeha Associations.

USM. to offer Youth Suicide Seminar April 26

The Division of Continuing Education at the University of Southern Mississippi is offering a Youth Suicide Seminar on April 26 at the R. C. Cook Union Lounge on the USM campus. Hours will be from 9 to noon, and from 1:30 until 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$125.

The seminar is designed for physicians, ministers, mental health personnel, counselors, police, community volunteers, and other interested parties.

Participants may register by telephone (601-266-4201) or write Wanda Matthews, coordinator, Division of Continuing Education, USM, Southern Station, Box 5056, Hattiesburg. Preregistration is required by April 18.

Devotional

Games church members play

By David W. Spencer
Matthew 11:16-19

Last week we considered two of the childish games church members often play. We pick up the listing of games with the ever popular "Tator Game." This is short for Spectator Game. The object of the game is to do as little as you can for the Lord, give as little money as you can, and never get involved.



Spencer

Involvement might call for strenuous physical activity for which you are not in shape. The rules are: (1) never lift a finger to work in the church; (2) never sing congregational hymns; (3) never pray for anyone else; (4) never visit anyone who needs a ministry or church home; (5) never offer to help those who are working, but do offer your advice on how it ought to be done. If you follow all these rules, you'll soon earn the title of "The Big Tator."

Another all-time favorite is the "Excuse Game." The object is to amass as many excuses for non-involvement in the life of the church as possible. Extra points are awarded for unusually good or novel excuses.

Here are the rules: One, always have an excuse for not going to church. Popular winners in the past include, "I had a rough week and Sunday is my only day to sleep"; "I thought I might be coming down with something"; "I feel that you don't have to go to church to worship"; and a big winner was, "Well, when I was a child my parents made me go to church"; and finally, "There are 321 hypocrites in that church!"

Two, always have a good excuse for not being a tither. Big winners in the past were "Tithing is an Old Testament concept"; "They waste our money down there at the church"; "I don't like this year's budget"; "I didn't like what the preacher said last week"; and "I can't afford to tithe now because I make too much money."

The third rule of the "Excuse Game" is always to have ready a good excuse for not taking a position of service. Some popular ones are "I'm out of town too much"; "I feel someone else could do it better"; "I've served long enough"; "I'm busier than those other folks at the church"; and "the Lord calls some to serve and others to see that they do serve!"

In this very popular game, you reach the "Novice" status with 1,000 fool-proof excuses, but some have even advanced to the "Master" status with 1,000,000! In this game you only limit yourself!

As Jesus watches us play these childish church member games, does he recall the silly games of the Pharisees and scribes of his day? Does he shake his head sadly and say, "They're still at it!" Members of the Lord's church have greater things to do than to play games. Let's get on with it!

Spencer is pastor, First, Long Beach.

Mississippi Baptist activities

- March 18-19 WMU Convention; Harrisburg BC, Tupelo; 7 p.m., 18th-9 p.m., 19th (WMU)
- March 21 Pastoral Care Ethics Seminar; Mississippi Baptist Medical Center; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (CAC)
- March 21-22 Professional Preschool & Children's Directors Meeting; Baptist Building; 6 p.m., 21st-Noon, 22nd (CT)
- March 23 Baptist Men's Conference; Parkway BC, Jackson; 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (BRO)

Revival Dates

Gatesville Church, Crystal Springs: March 17-22; Gary Rivers, McDowell Road Church, Jackson, evangelist; Ed. Bush, Crystal Springs, directing the music; services Sunday, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., with dinner served at noon; weeknight services 7; W. B. Boatner, interim pastor.

Cliff Temple Church, Natchez (Adams): March 24-29; Bill Hutto, Newton, evangelist; Ronnie Cottingham, Lucedale, music evangelist; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekday at 10:30 a.m. and 7:15 p.m.; W. G. Dowdy, pastor.

Calvary, Braxton: spring revival; March 17-20; Glenn Kelly (a home boy) evangelist; three college students, in the church, to lead the revival music; visiting musicians to render special music in each service; regular service time on Sunday; 7:30 p.m. during week; Henry J. Bennett, pastor.

First, Saitillo: Mar. 22-24; youth-led revival; Chuck Herring, student at New Orleans Seminary, to preach; Harold Smith Jr., student at Mississippi State University, to direct the music; services at 7 p.m.; Ken Anderson, pastor. (Youth week will also be in progress.)

Eastside, Pearl: March 17-21; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekday services at 7:30 p.m.; evangelist, Howard Aultman; music evangelist, Simeon Nix.

Sunshine Church, Pearl: March 24-28; services at 7 nightly; evangelist, Gary Bowlin; music leader, Jim Lott; Sam Creel, pastor.

Jerusalem, Kosciusko: March 20-22; Johnny Parks, pastor, Bowlin, Attala County, evangelist; services 7 p.m.; Sammy Ray, pastor; Tony McDaniel, song director.

Marriage leads Mississippian into multi-ethnic ministry

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native regions, Mary Eleanor's goals, standards, and Christian family background matched Dan's more than any other male's, she said.

"As we look back," Dan added, "everything's been so clear."

"Dan had the advantage of growing up in a Christian home. Most of his peers didn't," Mary Eleanor explained.

Dan was "just a junior boy" when he accepted Christ and decided to go into the ministry.

He studied at Michigan State University and received his B.A. degree at Georgetown College in Georgetown, Kentucky, before graduating from Southern Seminary.

Dan was the first "local" of Hawaii to become pastor of a Southern Baptist Church in Hawaii. For six years he pastored Wahiawa First Baptist and then Olivet Baptist Church.

Mary Eleanor, who studied music at Southern Seminary, also served as

choral director at Wahiawa, Olivet, and Nuuanu Baptist churches.

For nine years Dan served as vice-president of development of Hawaii Baptist Academy. Recently Mary Eleanor assumed development duties at the academy.

Dan also presided as Hawaii Baptist Convention president for two terms before becoming the convention's first local executive director.

"The Lord prepared us at the right time," said Dan.

He sees his role as convention director as being a pastor. He is "one of them who knows where they come from. There's a trusting relationship," he said.

His Mississippi wife, with whom he shares a bit of Southern drawl, remarked, "after you've been with the locals awhile, you forget you're not like them."

Lisa A. Hammett is on the staff of the Home Mission Board.

Hawaii's first "local" . . .

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"we could see tremendous changes. But," he admitted, "We ourselves can't do it."

Unlike other new work state conventions, Hawaii Baptists are not linked in partnership with an older state convention. Yet Kong is confident that mainland Baptists will respond to Hawaii Baptists' needs.

Mainland Southern Baptist churches, working in consort with Hawaii Baptist churches, could jointly sponsor new missions and preaching points, said Kong. Support could range from helping purchase church sites to providing funds to house a mission pastor.

Supporting churches could also send volunteer groups or individuals to help survey areas or lead outreach programs like Backyard Bible Clubs.

But Kong insisted that partnership does not imply dependency. "We want

our churches to grow," he said. "If we follow the Lord's leadership, the resources will come."

Kong's vision for church starting is spreading throughout the state. And with Hawaii such a diverse crossroads, Southern Baptists have a unique opportunity to literally share the gospel with the world.

"Though we are a small part of Southern Baptist life, we feel we are a significant part," said Kong. "God has set an unprecedented opportunity before us. The bottom line is to reach people and fulfill the mandate of our Lord."

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Ishee is retiring; Plainway will celebrate his 35th year

Plainway Church, Laurel, will observe homecoming on April 7. All former members will be recognized in the 11 a.m. service. Dinner-on-the-grounds will be served after the morning service. This will be the pastor's 35th anniversary and the date of his retirement from the pastorate. At 1:30 p.m., there will be a special service of tribute to the pastor, followed by a reception honoring him and his wife.

This has been Harold Ishee's only pastorate, and he has been the only pastor of the church.

Harold C. Ishee preached his first message for the Joe Wheeler Baptist Mission on April 2, 1950. The mission at that time had nine members and was located on Joe Wheeler Avenue in Laurel. Later that year the mission became a church with more than 40 members.

In 1957, the church relocated on Sixteenth Avenue, and the name was

changed to Plainway, based upon Proverbs 15:19, "... the way of the righteous is made plain."

During these 35 years, the church has received more than 600 members by baptism and more than 850 by letter and statement. The church property has increased from a \$1,500.00 one-room building on Joe Wheeler Avenue to five acres of land, buildings, and equipment on Highway 15 North, appraised at \$1,503,000.00. The indebtedness is less than \$23,000.00, with nearly enough funds in the bank to retire the debt.

Total receipts of the church last year were a record \$147,539.00, with more than \$21,000.00 given through the Cooperative Program for missions.

Total missions giving last year amounted to more than \$39,500.00.

He and his wife will reside in their new home in the Moss Community on Highway 15 North. He will be available for supply preaching and interim pastorages.

His mailing address is Route 7, Box 468, Laurel, MS. 39440. Phone: 428-1486.

Greg Owen, 12, of Forest Hill invited to sing in Europe

Twelve year old Greg Owen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester A. Owen of 2570 Crestleigh Manor, Jackson, has been named a delegate to the Travelling School and Concert Tour sponsored jointly by the Americas Boychoir Federation, the International Children's Choir Federation, and the Paris Boys Choir.

The invitation was extended to Greg on a basis of his membership in the Forest Hill Baptist Church Children's Choir, which is directed by Walter Campbell. According to Rodolfo Torres, president of the Americas Boychoir Federation, he was selected because of his musicianship, singing ability, and "ambassadorial qualities."

Young Owen will fly on April 2 to the John F. Kennedy International Airport, New York, to join an all-star team of 16 boys from the U.S.A. and Canada.

The boys will then begin a two-week

tour of France, Belgium, Germany, and the Netherlands, where they will make concert appearances and sing in Sunday worship services.

The boys will be guests in the homes of choir boys in several countries. They will attend public or private schools with their boys' hosts, will participate in choir rehearsals, and will join in on family outings. In Paris, the boys will climb the Eiffel Tower, visit the Louvre and other educational and cultural sites. They will sing in the Notre Dame Cathedral, in the Madeleine, and in Luxembourg and Tuileries gardens.

In Cologne, Germany they will climb the spires of the Cologne Cathedral and will sing in a worship service in the cathedral and also in the City Hall and in Amerika Haus. In addition to receptions and choir parties, the boys will have the special privilege of a "sit-down" dinner in McDonald's restaurant to which they have been specially invited by the McDonald's organization.

In Belgium, the boys will be guests of the world-famous "Hit Parade des Enfants," Belgian boy singers who perform popular music for European television.

While in Europe, the boys will receive almost daily voice coaching, as well as lessons in stage movement and camera-acting. They will be taught history and geography while travelling through historic areas.

The group is scheduled to return to the U.S. on April 19.

Arkadelphia names library for Mrs. Munn

Arkadelphia Church at Bailey recently named its library the Alene Munn Memorial Library. Mrs. Munn, who died in February 1982, had been in active member in all phases of the church, but was responsible for the library in itself.

An engraved plaque, inscribed with the new name, was presented by Jean Munn, Mrs. Munn's daughter-in-law who has served on the Library Committee.

John Vaughn, pastor at Arkadelphia, and Mrs. John Cook, acting librarian, took part in the presentation service. The Munn family was present.

It is so much easier to be good than to do good. — B. C. Forbes

Troubles are often the tools by which God fashions us for better things. — Henry Ward Beecher

Thursday, March 14, 1985

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Staff Changes

Lula Church, Riverside Association, has called Mark Kelly as youth director. Kelly is a sophomore at Mississippi Delta Junior College, Moorhead. Gerald Castilo is the Lula pastor.

East County Line Church, Attala County, has called Ray Wright as

pastor.

James Allen Walters has accepted the pastorate of Morgan City Church. He began work there on March 3, having moved there from the pastorate of Faith Church, Petal. Walters has a B.A. degree in Greek and Latin from the University of Southern Mississippi

and a master of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary. He and his wife, Gail, have two daughters.

Danny Avery is the new pastor of Self Creek Church, Oktibbeha County. He moved there from Enon Church, Clay County.



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Right priorities for disciples

By Bill R. Baker
Luke 10:25-1:13

Those who follow Jesus Christ will soon learn that priorities are rearranged in his Kingdom. The biblical study from Luke will aid the Christian in prioritizing his life. There are three priorities cited in the passage.

The priority of ministry (10:25-37). In the story of the Good Samaritan, three prominent attitudes are emphasized. There are those who take advantage of others; there are those who ignore others; and there are those who help others. Helping others is a priority item for the Christian.

The priority of sitting at the Saviour's feet (10:38-42). Jesus states that Mary has chosen that good part (v. 42). Whatever the good part in the mind of Jesus must surely be a priority for his followers. Two words seem to describe the experience of Mary — submission and acquisition. She was "at Jesus' feet," which should indicate a spirit of submission; and she "heard his word," which speaks of acquisition. She was sitting at his feet and learning from him.

Martha was far more active (v. 40); however, her activity did not commend her to the Saviour as did Mary's

activity. The scene suggests that one might be very active for God while priorities are out of order. Martha was also anxious and troubled about many things. This experience suggests that life out of divine order is in disorder.

The church is wise to emphasize evangelism as seen in the opening verses of chapter ten when the seventy are sent forth. The church is also wise to emphasize social action as seen in the parable of the Good Samaritan.

These are worthy and commendable activities; however, one must not neglect the best part — submission and acquisition. In fact, it is doubtful that one can be effective in evangelism or social action unless he is sitting at the feet of Jesus and hearing him.

Does the Christian's absence from the feet of Jesus and negligence in hearing him explain a lack of involvement in evangelism and social action?

The priority of prayer (11:1-13). In this prayer section Jesus teaches how God must be perceived as one prays (v. 2). The one who prays effectively must see God as Saviour ("our

Father"), Priest ("hallowed by thy name"), and King ("Thy Kingdom come"). Also there must be a resignation to the will of God ("Thy will be done"). Having met these requirements, the Christian brings his requests before God. According to this model prayer the requests may be presented according to daily needs, forgiveness and deliverance (vs. 3-4).

Jesus not only shares the model prayer, He also shares an illustration regarding prayer. The key idea in the illustration is the phrase "how much more" (v. 13). The illustration demonstrates how one should not pray.

Approaching God is not like the friend cited in the story. One need not trouble or harass God until he finally consents to the request. The Christian must remember that God is his Heavenly Father and he delights to give what is best to his children.

These are three priorities for the Christian — ministry, sitting at the Saviour's feet and prayer.

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Spirit-led life

By James F. Yates
John 14:1-2, 15-18, 23-27

The Passover meal was finished. The Lord's Supper had been instituted. Jesus and the eleven reclined about the table in conversation. Jesus did most of the talking, with an occasional interruption. The words he spoke have become words of comfort and hope for every generation of believers.

"Let not your hearts be troubled" (v. 1). These words are linked to what he had said in the previous chapter. He had said that shortly he would be leaving them (v. 33). He had said that they could not go with him (v. 33). He had said that one of the twelve was a traitor (v. 21). He had said that before the night was over, Simon Peter, the leader of the twelve, would deny that he ever knew him (v. 38). They had every reason to be troubled. As an antidote for despair Jesus told them to believe both in God and in himself (v. 1). Actually Jesus stated the fact that the eleven did believe in God; then he commanded that they should also believe in him. No matter what happened, they were to remain steadfast in faith.

Verse 2 contains the first of a number of reasons which Jesus is going to give to show the apostles that it was advantageous for them that he go away. First, he was going in order that he might prepare for them a place of permanent residence in his Father's house. Regardless of how one punctuates verse 2, the meaning is clear. There are many dwelling places because Jesus is going to prepare them and otherwise he would have told them of the lack of sufficient space.

In verse 15 Jesus linked his followers' love for him to their obedience to him. "If you love" states the condition; "you will keep my commandments" states the results. The statement of Jesus in verse 16 does not mean that only if the disciples keep his commandments will Jesus ask for the Holy Spirit. He will do this regardless. But only as they obey his commandments will the power of the Holy Spirit be realized in and through their lives. This promise was fulfilled at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit had been in the world from the beginning. He had been at work in the life of Jesus. But at Pentecost he will come upon the church in a special way. Thereafter, he will continue to do what Jesus had begun.

This Divine Helper is called "the Spirit of truth" in verse 17. Earlier Jesus had called himself "the truth" (14:6). Thus the Spirit is intimately identified with Jesus. Yet he is a Person of the Godhead in his own right. The Holy Spirit is called both the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ. Jesus said that the unregenerated world cannot receive the Holy Spirit, for it neither sees nor knows him (v. 17). The moment one becomes a Christian he is indwelt by the Holy Spirit. He seals him as God's own, and is God's guarantee that he will go through with his promise to save un-

to full redemption those who trust in Christ.

Jesus said to the eleven that he was going away, but they would not be alone (v. 18), literally, "I will not leave you as orphans: I will come to you." And he does so through the Holy Spirit.

Once again Jesus stresses the necessity of obedience and reminds us that if we truly love him we will keep his words (v. 23a). Then there is the promise, "my Father will love him and we (Father and Son) will come to him and make our abode with him" (v. 23b). This abiding will be in the Holy Spirit, who is both the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ. Those who do not love him and do not keep his words will never know this blessed fellowship.

In closing his discourse in the upper room, Jesus gave his peace to the apostles (v. 27). What greater legacy could he have left them? He gave it "not as the world gives." The world's peace is temporary; the peace he gives is permanent. The peace the world gives is too often a troubled peace; the peace which he gives quiets troubled hearts and removes their fears. In the Bible the word peace never simply means the absence of trouble. Peace means everything which makes for our highest good. The peace which Jesus offers us is the peace of conquest. It is the peace which no experience in life can ever take from us. It is the peace which no sorrow, no danger, no suffering can make less. It is the peace which in independent of outward circumstances. So we sing, "Sweet peace, the gift of God's love."

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To carry care to bed is to sleep with a pack on your back. — Haliburton

That charity which longs to publish itself, ceases to be charity. — Hutton

Unity in the new life

By W. Levon Moore
John 17:1-11, 20-21

In Jesus' final conversation with his disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane, he alluded to the fact that they would become scattered (16:32). For more than three years they had been a close-knit group unified around him who was their Lord and Master. Now the center of that unity was to be removed and the group would scatter.

Jesus recognized that one of the most characteristic things about the group was its unity. He desired that this unity be preserved. In his great high-priestly prayer in John 17, Jesus prayed specifically for their unity. In verse 11 and verse 21 he offered the petition "that they may be one." That for which Christ prayed was not organizational but spiritual unity.

I. Oneness in glory (17:1-5)

In this prayer, Jesus prayed first for his own glorification, or the full manifestation of his true nature as the Messiah, the anointed one of God. This manifestation would be made through his crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. In making the Son's true nature known to the world, God himself would be glorified. One of the objectives of this glorification, or manifestation of the true nature of Jesus, was that men should receive eternal life. Jesus asserted that he had glorified the Father on earth, and now he requested that the Father glorify the Son by restoring to him all the divine attributes which he had even before the beginning of the world.

II. Oneness in the world (17:6-8, 17) Jesus had endeavored to rightly in-

struct his disciples in all matters pertaining to himself. He accepted his own earthly life as a stewardship from the Father. He recognized that even the disciples themselves were God's gift to him. "I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: Thine they were, and thou gavest them me" (17:6). He paid tribute to his disciples' recognition that "all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee" (17:7).

Jesus claimed that the words which he gave to his disciples came from God; and the disciples received these truths as from the Father. The followers of Christ always find unity with each other by keeping the word of God.

III. Oneness in protection from evil (17:9-16)

While Jesus lives with his disciples on earth for more than three years, he was able to shield them and protect them from many of Satan's onslaughts. His departure from the earth would leave them defenseless in a hostile world. He was concerned about their safety from the evil one. He realized that the world would hate his followers just as the world had hated him. This hatred came because Jesus and his followers were "not of the world." Jesus prayed to the father for their safety and protection. He prayed for their sanctification, and declared his own sanctification for the sake of the disciples.

IV. Oneness in mission (17:18-26) In this prayer, Jesus appealed for

clarity of understanding for the disciples on behalf of their mission. "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world" (17:18). Earlier, Jesus had stated, at the home of Zacchaeus in the city of Jericho, "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10).

This statement of mission was repeated following the resurrection. When Jesus met with his disciples in the Upper Room on the eve of the resurrection he declared, "As the Father hath sent me into the world, even so send I you" (John 20:21). For what purpose? To seek and to save the lost.

The mission of the church has been so clearly stated that it should never become debatable. Furthermore, the purpose of life for the individual believer has been set forth with great clarity.

It is important for the believer that he be at one with his brethren in these areas studied today. However, the greatest unity desired is that spiritual oneness which the Christian has with the indwelling Christ.

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